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## NOAA: Navy training won't alter or destroy endangered marine species

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**N**OAA Fisheries has issued their formal opinion on how U.S. Navy sonar, deep-sea, and ordnance training, among others, will affect endangered or threatened species and their habitats in the waters of the Marianas.

In a 520-page "Biological Opinion," the National Marine Fisheries Service, under NOAA, has found that the training will likely adversely affect these species—which include whales, dolphins, and sea turtles—but will not jeopardize their ability to survive or recover in the wild.

The Service also concludes that the incidental take, or the amounts or levels of

» **'Biological opinion' says species will likely be adversely affected**

"accidental kills" the Navy asks to be permitted, will not jeopardize or destroy these animals and their habitats.

Environmental groups worry that the use of extensive sonar training can result in death, permanent hearing loss, or lung injuries for marine mammals, as well as irreparable disruptions to their feeding, breeding, communicating, resting,

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## 'Allowing Tinian Dynasty workers to amend suit futile'

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Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh C. Johnson and the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services have asserted that granting Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino's workers' request to amend their lawsuit over denials of their CW-1 visa petitions would be futile.

Defendants Johnson, USCIS Director Leon Rodriguez, and USCIS California Service Center Director Kathy A. Baran, through the U.S. Department of Justice,

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## Scher believes military has submitted 'good range' of training alternatives

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U.S. Department of Defense Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans and Capabilities Robert M. Scher affirmed the National Environmental Policy Act during a press conference Thursday, saying that the U.S.

military has considered a "good range" of training alternatives for proposed live-fire training on Tinian and Pagan.

However, Pete Perez of "Alternative Zero," the group who opposes all live-fire training and bombing on the two is-

» **Alternative Zero says options are 'narrow'**

lands, says, "They have not." "I think we have looked at a good range of things," Scher said on Thursday. "But I fully expect that other people will come forward now that the draft is out there with other alternatives."

Department of Defense Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans and Capabilities Robert Scher, second from left, addresses reporters during a press conference last Thursday. With him, from left, are Marine Forces Pacific executive director Craig Whelden, Gov. Eloy S. Inos, and Joint Region Marianas Commander Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar.

And that is the point of the process in the end, that's why we do this, that's why this isn't final, that's why we already had ad-hoc meetings and why

we'll continue to have them.

"I expect there will be alternatives," he said.

Scher was responding to questions from *Saipan Tribune*

on whether he believed the military has considered a broad enough of training alternatives for their proposed live-fire and

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# Local

## ON OCTOBER 2013 FATAL PLANE CRASH ON TINIAN

### Star Marianas says allegations of prior crashes 'immaterial, scandalous'

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The owners of a Piper aircraft that crashed on Tinian in October 2013, killing three persons and injuring four others, have moved the federal court to strike the allegations of prior crashes "as it is immaterial, immaterial, and scandalous."

Attorney Timothy H. Bellas, counsel for defendants Star Marianas Air Inc. and Tinian Travel Management Solutions Inc., asserted that such allegations of prior crashes is not material to the negligence claim in

this case, and that its only apparent purpose is to prejudice or confuse the jury.

Bellas discussed the allegations in the defendants' motion to dismiss the lawsuit filed by widow Lisha Gu and her minor daughter, Yuxin Wu, against Star Marianas Air Inc. and Tinian Travel Management Solutions.

Gu and Wu were among the four survivors in the crash. Gu's husband and Wu's father, Xuan, was among the three passengers killed in that crash. Pilot Luis Silva and a 26-year-old Chinese female tourist were

the two other fatalities.

Gu and Wu are suing Tinian Transportation Management Solutions, Star Marianas Air, Silva, and 10 unnamed co-defendants, for negligence-wrongful death, negligence, loss of consortium, and negligent infliction of emotional distress.

In defendants' motion to dismiss filed on Friday, Bellas said the complaint alleges that defendants' aircrafts and employees had been involved in prior air crashes.

Bellas said it specifically alleges a Nov. 19, 2012, crash

"involving defendants' Piper 32-300 and pilot flying between Saipan and Tinian, which caused death and serious physical injury."

Bellas said nowhere is this allegation connected factually or legally into the claims of Gu's and Wu's complaint.

"It's only apparent reason for being made is to prejudice jury against defendants or to confuse jury as to be issue before it," he said.

Bellas pointed out that this is a negligence case and that the material issues are duty, breach, causation, and injury.

"None of these issues depend upon whether or not there had been prior air crashes," he said.

Bellas said it is conceivable that a prior air crash could be material, but only with additional allegations to tie it to the crash alleged in the present lawsuit (such as this plane was not worthy or the pilot was not qualified to fly this aircraft).

Bellas said no such allegations are made in the complaint.

Bellas said a jury could be distracted from the proper issues and improperly prejudiced by evidence or prior conduct.

The lawyer asserted that Gu's wrongful death claim should be dismissed because she is not the personal representative of her decedent husband.

Bellas said Gu's allegation that she is the surviving spouse means she could benefit from a wrongful death action—but it does not automatically entitle her to be the personal representative empowered to assert a

claim for wrongful death.

With respect to claims of negligence and negligent infliction of emotional distress, Bellas said the claims should be dismissed because Gu is not the guardian ad litem for minor Wu.

Bellas said a minor has no legal ability to file a lawsuit.

As to the claim for loss of consortium, Bellas said the claim must be dismissed because the claim is not available in a wrongful death action under Commonwealth law.

Gu and Wu, through counsel Colin M. Thompson, asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to hold the defendants liable to pay them in unspecified amount of damages, court costs, and attorney's fees.

Thompson stated in the complaint that on Oct. 6, 2013 at 2:51am, a Piper Aircraft piloted by Silva crashed three miles north of the Tinian International Airport on Tinian, completely destroying the plane.

As a result of the impact, Xuan was killed and plaintiffs Gu and Wu suffered severe and debilitating personal injury.

Thompson said prior to the crash, the Saipan-bound aircraft descended to an altitude of 302 feet, turned 180 degrees, and collided with a jungle-covered hill at an elevation of 450 feet.

Thompson said the last radio communication with pilot Silva involved him asking traffic control for weather condition information.

The lawyer said on Oct. 6,

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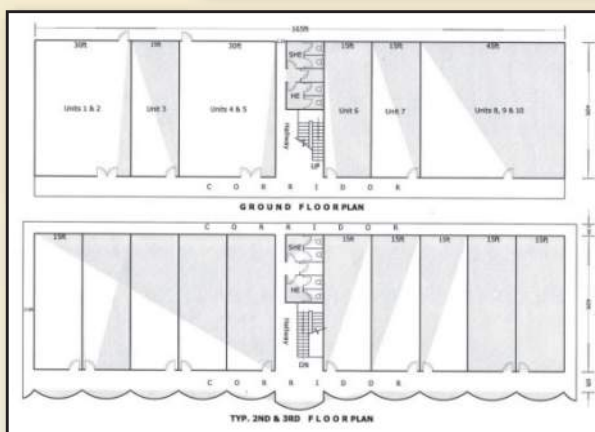
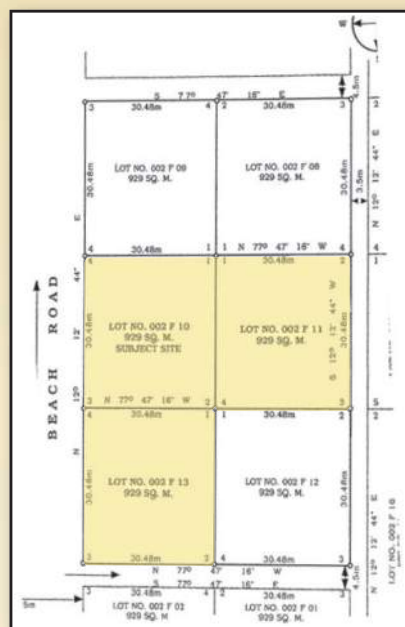
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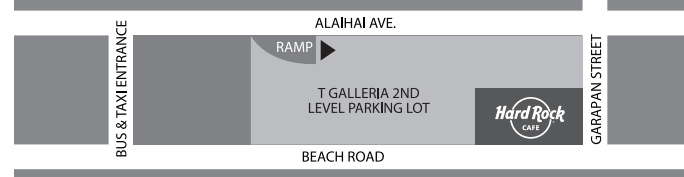
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# DoD willing to conduct 'live fire' demo for lawmakers

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The U.S. Department of Defense is "open" to inviting CNMI lawmakers to have a first-hand look at how "live-fire" exercises are conducted.

One of the questions during the visit of military representatives in the CNMI was how live-fire activities can affect the Commonwealth's tourism industry in terms of noise pollution.

House Speaker Joseph P. DeLeon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) said Saipan has been relying on tourism for many years and he is wondering if artillery fire will not affect tourists.

"Is there a way to prove that

live-fire noise will not affect those tourists visiting Saipan?" DeLeon Guerrero said, during the meeting with military officials last week.

But the exercises will probably not be held in the Commonwealth—particularly Tinian and Pagan—but instead on the DoD's existing facilities in Hawaii.

"I suspect we cannot (conduct the live-fire demo) on Tinian, but we can in Hawaii," said Craig Whelden, executive director of the U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific.

Whelden said the demo can show the lawmakers "how live-



Scher

fire works."

He noted that this will not be the first time that CNMI lawmakers have been invited to witness a live-fire demo.

Whelden said one of the participants during the previous live-fire demo in Hawaii was then Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider.

According to a draft environmental impact statement, the military proposes to conduct artillery fire, bombing, and amphibious landings, among others, on the CNMI.

Aside from noise pollution, the long-term effects of waste, particularly on areas where bombings will be conducted has

been one of the main concerns of the CNMI.

Robert M. Scher, DoD assistant secretary for strategy, plans, and capabilities, concedes that the military "do not have a pristine clean up"

record, "but it does not have a bad record either."

"We do our best," Scher, told lawmakers last week.

Scher also said the talks on proposed military activities and land leases on Tinian and Pagan

remain at an "early stage."

"We need these kinds of engagements. We are still at an early stage in the talks and we have to get down to the details," Scher said, while addressing questions from lawmakers.

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Tinian Transportation Management Solutions, which owns Star Marianas Air, Silva, and 10 unnamed co-defendants were engaged in the business of servicing, operating, managing, and controlling the aircraft and other planes as for hire air transportation vehicles.

Thompson said prior to Oct.

6, 2013, defendants had knowledge of other air crashes involving their aircraft, including a Nov. 19, 2012 crash involving defendants' Piper 32-300 and pilot flying between Saipan and Tinian, which caused death and serious personal injury.

In the Nov. 19 crash, one person was killed and six others were injured. The six survivors, all Chinese nationals, filed last year a wrongful death lawsuit in federal court against

the pilot Jae Choi, Star Marianas Air Inc., Marianas Air Travel, Tinian Transportation Management Solutions Inc., Tianing Travel Agency, Top Development Inc., and 100 unnamed co-defendants.

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# Woman gets 10-month imprisonment for visa fraud

Evangelyn Eudora Conrad Jones, a woman who entered a guilty plea to the charge of visa fraud, was slapped with a 10-month prison term in federal court.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona ordered that five months out of the 10 months imprisonment should be served under home confinement.

Jones, 33, was given credit for the time she already served in prison. As of last June 12, she has been in custody for 139 days already, according to court records.

Jones was required to pay a \$100 special assessment fee and perform 100 hours of community work service, which shall be suspended if she is employed.

Assistant U.S. attorney Ross Naughton recommended a sentence of 10 months imprisonment. Defen-

dant's counsel, David Banes, recommended a sentence of time served with the remainder in home detention or confinement.

Banes noted that it's the defendant's first criminal conviction, she is a single mother with minor children, the crime she admitted to was of a non-violent nature, and did not involve drugs.

Naughton cited aggravating features of the offense conduct, such as its impact on other persons involved, and defendant's conduct on pre-trial release.

Under the plea deal, Jones agreed to forfeit to the U.S. government her interest to \$540—representing the sum of money equal to the proceeds obtained from the commission of the offense.

The U.S. government agreed not to prosecute Jones over her failure to appear at the hearing.

According to the factual basis of the

plea agreement, on Sept. 16, 2010, in the Form I-130 Jones represented under penalty of perjury that an individual who is known to her and who has the initials K.Y.O. was her "husband/wife"—a representation that she knew was false because while she had previously been married to K.Y.O. she had divorced him in 2006.

Jones' representation had a natural tendency to influence, or was capable of influencing, the decisions or activities of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, according to the plea deal.

Form I-130 refers to a U.S. citizen's petition for an alien relative.

U.S. Deputy Marshal Don Hall served last Jan. 29 to Jones an arrest warrant that Manglona issued on Jan. 20.

Manglona issued the arrest warrant after Jones did not show up at the revocation hearing.

Jones was first arrested on an indict-

ment charging her with one count of visa fraud and was released last Nov. 24 on a \$5,000 unsecured bond.

U.S. Probation officer Gregory Ariola then filed a petition for revocation of defendant's pre-trial release after she failed to appear for random drug tests on Dec. 16, 18, 20, and 30, 2014.

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bombing, as well as alternatives with lesser impact as suggested by the CNMI government and people.

He was also directed to Guam, where in 2010, groups had sued the Department of Defense over the military selection of Pagat, an ancient Chamorro village and burial ground, as the site for a firing range complex.

The lawsuit, from the Guam Historic Preservation Trust, We Are Guahan, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, said that the Navy was non-compliant with NEPA by failing to adequately consider alternative locations for live-fire complexes that would have less of an impact on the environment and historic sites.

While the Defense Department controlled approximately one-third of Guam, they failed to consider a single alternative for building their fire ranges on existing military property, the groups said.

In 2011—in what was called a victory by these groups, the Navy filed a declaration in federal court to order another supplemental review of proposed sites—essentially restarting the NEPA process over again.

Speaking toward the situation on Guam, Scher said, they "were able to come up with a compromise solution where both the people on the island and the U.S. military feel like we have a good solution for pursuing what all

At the Jan. 20 revocation hearing, Jones did not show up in court.

This prompted Manglona to order the arrest of Jones.

At the revocation hearing last Feb. 3, Jones admitted to the violations alleged in the petition to revoke the pretrial release. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

of us want."

"If you look at the history of Guam, there were certain things we never thought about doing and they worked for everybody involved. I have every hope and expectation that we will get there for the CNMI."

Perez and Alternative Zero, though, do not believe the military has laid out an adequate range of alternatives or even a true "no-action" alternative for the CNMI people to comprehend and respond to.

Similarly, Marc Fink, senior attorney of the Center of Biological Diversity, told *Saipan Tribune* last month that the CNMI Joint Military Training draft environmental impact statement "fails to consider alternatives in other regions."

"We also think the Navy has violated the National Environmental Policy Act by failing to consider the combined environmental impacts of these two [CJMT and Marianas Islands Training and Testing] proposals within the same EIS. Similar proposals in the same region at the same time must be considered together, in a single EIS," Fink said then.

Perez, on Thursday, said any alternatives that consider other places would obviously result in lesser impact to the CNMI.

"When they don't provide any, how can you possibly respond? It is very incomplete," he said of the military's proposals.

"I think we certainly feel that the EIS in the military's presentation is inappropriately narrow and unfairly so," said Perez.

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opposed to the workers' motion for leave to file first amended complaint.

DOJ Office of Immigration Litigation trial attorney Sarah L. Vuong asserted that because plaintiffs' amended complaint does not remedy the fatal flaws of their original complaint, the U.S. District Court for the NMI should deny their motion for leave to file an amended complaint as futile.

"As with plaintiffs' original complaint, their amended complaint fails to allege any facts for which the court can grant them any relief," Vuong said.

Instead, Vuong said, plaintiffs' amended complaint recites general conclusory statements and accusations against defendants but fails to present any cause of action upon which the court can act.

Over 500 foreign workers of Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino have filed a lawsuit against lawsuit as Johnson, Rodriguez, and Baran over the USCIS' denial of HKE's 197 CNMI-only Transitional Worker (CW-1) petitions involving 693 beneficiaries.

Attorney Bruce Berline filed the lawsuit as counsel for Belal Hossain, Wenli Zhong, Pukar Patel, and 500 unknown co-plaintiffs.

Last month, the federal court dismissed the workers' lawsuit.

Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona ruled that the decision to deny the owner of Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino's CW-1 visa petitions for their foreign workers is clearly not final and that the Administrative Appeals Office is currently in the process of reviewing it.

Manglona said because Hong Kong Entertainment (Overseas) Investments Ltd.'s petition denials are not final, the court lacks submit matter jurisdiction and must dismiss the case filed by the workers.

Manglona, however, ordered that plaintiffs (workers) are allowed to refile the lawsuit after the Administrative Appeals Office has issued its decision and the agency's action is final.

In plaintiffs' motion for leave to file first amended complaint, Berline asserts six claims. In addition to the equal protection claim asserted in the original complaint, Berline also includes claim for an equal protection clause violation

arising from USCIS' alleged approval of a visa petition.

In defendants' opposition filed last week, Vuong said plaintiffs newly argue that USCIS' decision denying their extension request and informing them that they must leave the CNMI violates their due process right to be heard.

Vuong said similarly to the original complaint, plaintiffs again allege that USCIS' consideration of the federal criminal case against HKE violated plaintiffs' due process right to be heard.

Under the Administrative Procedure Act, plaintiffs argue that USCIS' denial of HKE's extension request on their behalf is arbitrary and capricious.

In their final claims for relief, plaintiffs again assert that USCIS violated the APA's rulemaking provision in denying the CW-1 visas filed on plaintiffs' behalf.

Vuong said plaintiffs' attempt to cure the defect in their original complaint by now claiming that "plaintiffs seek relief from the USCIS decision that they must immediately leave the Commonwealth."

Vuong said this language comes from USCIS' decision denying the extension of nonimmigrant status requested by HKE on behalf of beneficiaries to the CW-1 visa petitions.

However, Vuong said, plaintiffs again have failed to state a claim for which the court can grant relief under either the Equal Protection Clause or Due Process Clause of the 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment or the APA.

Plaintiffs argue that USCIS has treated them differently than the beneficiaries of another HKE petition.

Vuong said plaintiffs, misinterpret the February 2015 notice; incorrectly presenting it as evidence that USCIS has recently approved a CW-1 petition filed by HKE and thus demonstrating that USCIS believes that HKE is a legitimate business.

Vuong said as explained by California Service Center section chief Joseph Fierro, the February notice does not grant any immigration benefit to the beneficiaries.

In fact, Vuong said, Ms. Moral, the named beneficiary on the transfer notice, is in the same status as the plaintiffs in this lawsuit as USCIS has denied the petition containing her extension request as well.

Vuong said the court dismissed the

original complaint because there is no final decision on the CW-1 visa petitions.

At this time, Vuong said, USCIS still has not issued a final decision on the CW-1 visa petitions, and plaintiffs do not alleged otherwise.

"Therefore, there is no basis for this equal protection claim," she said.

Vuong said any equal protection claim regarding the extension requests must also fail because USCIS denied the extension requests to both transferees and renewal employees once it had denied the CW-1 visa petitions.

Vuong cited the denial request for extension of status to new employee Wenli Zhong and to transfer employee Pukar Patel.

"Thus, there is no disparate treatment—nor have plaintiffs alleged any—in the extension denials," she said.

On plaintiffs' two claims under the due process clause, Vuong said plaintiffs have no colorable constitutional claim because HKE's filing of a CW-1 petition on their behalf does not grant plaintiffs any liberty or property that requires due process protection.

On APA claims, Vuong said although plaintiffs amended their complaint to challenge the extension denial, they continue to challenge USCIS' underlying decision denying the visa petitions.

Vuong noted that as Manglona ruled when dismissing the original complaint, "because the petition denials are not final, the court lacks subject matter jurisdiction."

Thus, she said, any attempt to challenge that decision must fail because it is not final.

"Instead, the only decision that is final is the decision denying the extension requests which may be reverse if the visa petitions are ordered approved on appeal," she said.

Vuong said USCIS based its decision in denying the extension request on fact that plaintiffs did not remain eligible for CW-1 classification.

Under the regulations, she said, USCIS cannot grant plaintiffs an extension without them demonstrating eligibility.

Vuong added that because the underlying agency decision is not final—a statutory requirement under the APA—plaintiffs cannot challenge that decision through the extension denial.

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and other essential behaviors.

With the recent opinion, a "letter of authorization," or LOA, from the Service is expected. This will cover proposed training from this year to 2020. Current authorized takes expire on Aug. 3.

"We conclude that Navy training and testing...are likely to adversely affect but will not appreciably reduce the ability of these threatened and endangered species under NMFS' jurisdiction to survive and recover in the wild," the Service writes in their official opinion released June 12.

"We conclude that these activities are not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered or threatened species. The actions also will not result in the destruction of adverse modification of critical habitat during the five-year period...or continuing into the reasonably foreseeable future" given training levels are not exceeded and species status are not changed significantly due to military action, they said.

The biological opinion comes nearly a month after the final environmental impact documents for the Marianas Islands Training and Testing area were put online. It also caps over a year's worth of formal consultation between the Service and the Navy, which the Navy began with a request March last year. The Service had proposed an extended yearlong consultation timeline

due to the "complexity of the proposed action and extent of species potentially affected."

The biological opinion also summarizes the amount of takes the Navy is asking per year.

For blue, fin, humpback, sei, and sperm whales, the Navy is asking to harass hundreds of these species per year. For humpback whales alone, authorized take levels for "behavioral harassment" are proposed at 860 per year. This is set at 506 for sperm whales, 319 for sei whales, and 28 takes for both blue and fin whales.

For the green turtle, they propose to harass about 2,099 per year. The Navy also asks for authorization to cause permanent hearing loss to one green turtle, lung injury to three green turtles, and the death of another green turtle per year by acoustic or sonar stressors.

The Navy also asks to kill one green turtle through vessel strike. For hawksbill turtles, they set harassment levels at 149 per year, and proposes lung injury for one turtle and mortality for another turtle. For leatherback turtles and loggerhead turtles, they set harassment levels at 61 and 69, respectively, per year.

For endangered coral reefs, the Navy proposes injury and mortality to the reef area around Farallon De Medinilla up to 6.78 square miles and 20.24 square miles, respectively, per year. This damage would come from the Navy's use of highly explosive bombs, which they are proposing to increase from their current 2,150 bombs per year to well more than 6,000 explosive bombs per year.



# Rota relief efforts going smoothly

Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang said that Rota relief efforts that the municipalities of Saipan and the Northern Islands and Tinian are coordinating have gone smoothly.

"We've already received donations from G4S and they've donated ramen, spam, and other canned products and other needed household products," Saipan Mayor's Office special assistant Henry Hofschneider said.

Local leaders that included Apatang, Northern Islands Mayor Jerome Aldan, and Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council chair Antonia M. Tudela and vice chair Alice Igitol announced their plans on the relief efforts to help resi-

dents of Rota during a briefing earlier this month.

Solicitation letters have already been written out to businesses to gain support and receive donations which can be respectively dropped to their offices.

Apatang said that donations such as non-perishable items are accepted only and will be going to Rota. The Saipan Mayor's Office is working on getting a 40-foot container that will be put at their office in Beach Road at the Ladera Center.

Anyone who wants to donate can send donations to Aldan's office on Capitol Hill, the Saipan Mayor's Office at the Ladera Center in San Jose, and the Saipan and Northern

Islands Municipal Council office in Chalan Kanoa near the post office.

Rota residents are appealing for help after Typhoon Dolphin battered the islands last month.

The Tinian Mayor's Office and the Tinian Municipal Council are holding their respective fundraising drives on Tinian.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce's My Young Professionals will be visiting the Saipan Mayor's Office today to present their donations to the relief drive.

Apatang is urging businesses and community members to take part in the relief efforts for Rota. *(Jayson Camacho)*

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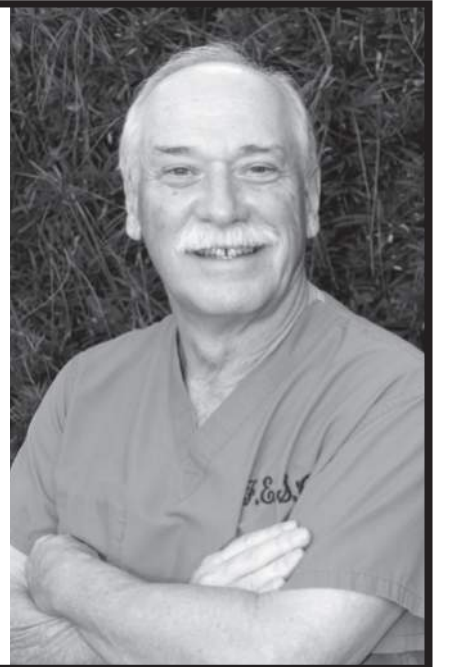
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# Bill seeks to ‘fix’ parking areas in the CNMI

Rep. Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan) last week introduced a bill seeking to establish clearer rules on parking and parking meter zones on the CNMI.

According to House Bill 19-80, Commonwealth laws regarding special parking zones and parking meters “are vague and require clarification.”

H.B. 19-80 aims to establish rules for the creation, removal, and operation of special parking zones and parking meter zones.

The proposed legislation also aims to provide for increased enforcement of disabled parking zones by removing unnecessary language regarding the size and precise wording of signs indicating a disability parking zone.

“Finally, it is the intent of

the Legislature that any person who knows or reasonably should know that they are illegally parked in a disabled parking zone will be punished in accordance with the law,” the bill noted.

Specifically, the proposed legislation wants to establish more distinct color-coding on the nature of the parking zone. For instance, “red” indicates “no stopping, no standing, or parking, while “yellow” indicates stopping only for the purpose of loading and unloading passengers.

The Department of Public Safety, in accordance with the proposed legislation, is authorized to establish parking meter zones by regulation.

In a post on social media,

Propst also cited the potential of parking meters to generate revenues for the CNMI.

“There is a price we pay to live in paradise. I have not heard any tourists say they will never go back to Hawaii because they have parking meters there. Why? Because parking meters generate revenue,” Propst said.

The lawmaker said the government might as well use the numerous parking meters, particularly on Garapan. “The only thing we could do is cut them down and throw them away. Now that would truly be wasteful. I would rather at least try to see if we could generate some revenue from them,” he said.

He further stressed that his

proposed legislation was introduced to “deal with the meters that are “already in existence,” addressing concerns that the parking meters

will burden those who might have not enough money to pay for the parking spaces. “For those who do not want to spend money on parking me-

ters, simply park at the American Memorial Park, Micro Beach, or the hundreds of other possible places you could park at. You may have to walk further, but try to think positively and realize it is good exercise,” he said. *(Joel Pinaroc)*

## ‘Govt should give more funds to Customs’

The Division of Customs, which is under the Department of Finance, will welcome additional x-ray machines and more personnel with supervisory capabilities if it gets more funding.

Customs Director Joe Mafnas last week said the additional machines will be installed at CNMI airports and seaports, and the additional manpower will complement the division’s existing staff.

Customs is requesting for \$2.4 million in funding, but the

government is proposing only \$1.3 million.

Mafnas said the division badly needs agents, particularly during this time that the entry of illegal drugs into the CNMI is increasing at an alarming rate.

“I just need adequate personnel and proper equipment,” Mafnas said.

For Rep. Joseph “Lee Pan” (R-Saipan) Guerrero, the division should get more. He noted that Customs agents are always on the front line and that he is concerned that the division is not getting more funding.

Guerrero said he understands the importance of the Finance secretary’s functions, but he suggested streamlining some of the budget to go to Customs.

Mafnas, however, clarified that the Finance secretary is “very supportive” of the needs of the division. Mafnas is asking for 18 more personnel to add to the 46 staff currently manning

the Customs Division.

Rep. Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan) earlier noted that Customs personnel remain the lowest-paid government employees.

He stressed that the Customs needs more funding for it to continue its campaign against illegal drugs in the CNMI, particularly methamphetamine or “ice.”

He acknowledged that funding has always been a concern for the two departments, particularly Customs.

“Customs [staff] are the lowest-paid among government employees. We will try to help them be at a level with the police and pay them adequately, considering that they are at the front line,” Propst said.

He said there currently are no estimates as to how widespread “ice” is, but the Department of Public Safety and Customs agree that the problem is “staggering.” *(Joel Pinaroc)*

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT  
FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE  
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ) Civil Action  
ESTATE OF: ) No. 14-0138  
TOSHINORI CHINEN, )  
) Date: June 30, 2015  
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) David A. Wiseman

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BENEDICTA CRUZ TENORIO, ] CIVIL ACTION  
] NO. 15-0071  
Plaintiff, ]  
]   
-v- ]  
]   
SCHOLASTICA B. L. RIVERA ]  
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Defendants. ]

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*Presicilla Pangelinan, Singer/Entertainer and Traditional Artist*



Having seen and researched on Marina Bay Sands and Resorts World Sentosa's integrated resorts in Singapore valued at near \$10 billion for the two properties and juxtaposed against the development cost proposed by Best Sunshine at \$7.1 billion has really put into context how enormous an undertaking this project is and will be. It would behoove the Government to take a more hands on approach in the overall right size of the integrated resort for Saipan and take every step to exploit all revenue streams available to maximize the CNMI's opportunity of expanding our tourism mix such as Meetings Incentives Conferences & Exhibitions (M.I.C.E), gaming-entertainment, and attractions that would benefit our overall economy.

*Alex Sablan, President, Saipan Chamber of Commerce*





# Samoans part in CNMI's history retold



FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

Members of exiled Samoan chief Iga Pisa's family together with the Northern Marianas Humanities Council presented to the public how Samoans are part of the CNMI's history.

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REPORTER

An emotional night was witnessed at the Northern Marianas Humanities Council's "Samoan Exiles on Saipan" program last Friday at the Visitors Center Theater of the American Memorial Park.

After the presentation made by the Samoan chief Iga Pisa's family, several members of the audience felt like they reconnected with history and their own roots.

"That's part of the reason we undertake this project, to get feedback from the local community because this is part of the local history. So we're always happy when there's interaction and talking and telling stories and remembering things and putting the pieces back together," Humanities

Council executive director Scott Russell said.

One of the members of the audience shared a song her grandfather usually sang to his wife, which she did not know the meaning for the longest time. She eventually knew how the words were Samoan and added that it might be that her ancestors somehow interacted with the Samoans who were exiled on Saipan during the 1900s.

Several individuals brought up the idea of rewriting the Marianas' history books to include the oral history, which is not usually taught in schools. Another one appealed to the public to be more conscious and respectful of the islands' history especially the places that have been neglected.

"For this particular project, for this chapter of history, we are working on a booklet where

we will combine the archival information from historical records and the surviving oral history and put that into one narrative," Russell said.

"The idea is to have it available for the Public School System and also for the [Northern] Marianas College and also for people in Samoa," he added.

The presentation was given by Faautu Talapusi, who has conducted extensive research on her great-grandfather Iga Pisa, including collecting oral histories related by her family. She has worked for development organizations in Switzerland for nine years before moving back to Samoa.

Her talk focused on the youngest of the exiled chiefs, Iga Pisa, who gained fame by undertaking a 120-mile voyage from Saipan to Guam in a traditional Samoan paddling canoe.

Several members of the Pisa family also shared stories.

"I'm glad because to me it's very educational and it will tell about the courage of men and women too," Iga Olivia, the eldest living granddaughter of the chief said.

The first presentation last Thursday featured Dr. Malama Meleisea who discussed the Mau a Pule, the indigenous Samoan resistance movement which was led by the orator chief Lauaki Namulau'ulu Mamoe. Lauaki and nine other chiefs were subsequently exiled to Saipan in 1909 by the German colonial administration for their involvement in the Mau. They lived on Saipan for six years before being allowed to return home in 1915.

Meleisea is the director of the Center for Samoan Studies at the National University of Samoa.

Also part of the council's "Samoan Exiles on Saipan" program were the dedications of two interpretive signs. The first one is north of Lower Base

at the site of the former Samoan village, while the second is at Unai Agingan from which Iga Pisa set out on his canoe voyage to Guam.

## SIDEBAR

### Descendants of Samoan chief celebrate history on island

By FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA  
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REPORTER

A reception was held to welcome descendants of Samoan Chief Iga Pisa, one of the chiefs who came to Saipan in the 1900s, as part of the celebration of the historical event's 100th anniversary.

Headed by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council, the reception was held at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan and was attended by government officials including members of the Legislature Wednesday evening.

Fuailagi Tuitama, a great granddaughter of chief Iga Pisa, said coming to Saipan is like having a reconnection with her past.

"It's overwhelming. It's an opportunity for my generation, because I am a great granddaughter, to come to Saipan and first of all experience Saipan. I've never heard of it before and coming here has really been a real eye opener for us. It's a reconnection," Tuitama said.

"The experience of com-

ing here is really like retracing my great grandfather's steps," she added.

According to council executive director Scott Russell, the Samoans' chapter in Saipan's history is significant.

"Saipan was home to another group of people for a substantial period of time and nobody really knows about that history, it has been forgotten," Russell said.

"One of the things we're fortunate to have is an account that was written by the chief, Iga Pisa. He wrote it himself in the early 1940s," he added.

For Tuitama, what she experienced and discovered here on Saipan, she will pass on to her generations as well.

"I'm a mom so I'd like to pass this kind of lineage on to my children and the legacy that he's left us, to inspire us, to explore the beyond," Tuitama said.

We're hoping that from this initial gathering, that there'll be a follow up from what the Humanities Council has started," she said.

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**WOMEN IN THE KNOW:****Dora Jo Borja Ada**

By **THOMAS MANGLONA II**  
CORRESPONDENT

*Author's note: Saipan Tribune will be featuring leading women in higher education every week in its newest 10-part series, Women In The Know. Roberta Guerrero was previously featured for graduating with her B.A. in English Literature and Composition from UC Berkeley last month. This week's Woman in the Know is Dora Jo Borja Ada.*

Twenty-four-year-old Dora Jo Borja Ada grew up on the quiet hills of San Vicente. A product of public education, Ada graduated from Marianas High School and moved on to attend Northern Marianas College while making an income as a waitress.

She did not plan on pursuing higher education in the long run, but found herself thriving in her college courses and eventually graduated with an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts. Not long after that, Ada went back to the classroom and attended NMC's School of Education on a whim.

The 2015 graduate of NMC earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education with an emphasis on Special Education. She told *Saipan Tribune*, "I never dreamed of falling in love with the art of being a teacher, but I did and I am truly grateful that I stayed."



Dora Jo Borja Ada.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Her decision to remain on island, she said, was heavily influenced by her late grandmother, Josepha Arriola Borja Ada.

"At that time, I didn't think about being a teacher at all... I just wanted to occupy my days and leave the next year," she explained.

She noted, however, that

she has accomplished one of her life goals: obtaining a college degree.

"Now, my focus is on being a teacher in Special Education. I want to be able give myself to the community by guiding students to success. My focus isn't on just disabilities but rather, educating others on the

her unfortunate passing in 2013.

"My grandmother is a kind woman with a big heart, she was always willing to lend a hand to help others, and that truly amazed me. It made me really understand that I wanted to be like her by being an educator," she explained.

Her grandmother's death affected Ada greatly.

"I even took a break for a semester because things were just so overwhelming. But, like with all situations, I dusted it off, got back up from my self-pity, and pushed through to graduate this May. It was what she would have wanted me to do if she were still here," she said. "It goes to show that all that she has taught me has

really had an effect on the person that I am today."

Ada wants young local students to know that "life is challenging in itself." She urges them to find a way to overcome every obstacle they face no matter how difficult the situation is.

"You will make mistakes and you will run into trouble, but learning from it is what counts. If I had given up each time I faced a difficult situation, my life would have gone down a very different path," she said.

Ada plans to join the CNMI Public School System and bring good morale and positive character to the classroom environment.

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### EDITORIAL

## House of God was no sanctuary from violence

**W**e don't know a lot about Dylann Roof, the 21-year-old suspect in the shooting deaths of nine people in Charleston, S.C. What we've learned thus far paints an ugly and disturbing picture, but it's a partial portrait at best.

This much we do know: Nobody comes from the womb fueled with rage and hate and a full-blown plan to walk into a historic black church—a church—and coldly gun down nine human beings. Nobody.

A tearful South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley said at a news conference, "Parents are having to explain to their kids how they can go to church and feel safe."

Which leaves us asking the kinds of questions with which we've become more familiar than anyone, or any society, should ever be.

Such as: What kind of poison is poured into the ears, the mind, the heart, that can lead to something like this? Who or what poured it, and why? Maybe we can never fully understand when or how the seeds get planted that grow into such deadly toxins. But if we ever stop trying to understand, we will have simply surrendered to evil.

Survivors of the shooting say Roof walked in and sat among praying parishioners for almost an hour, then went and sat beside the pastor before opening fire.

"I have to do it," the shooter was quoted as saying. "You rape our women and you're taking over our country. And you have to go."

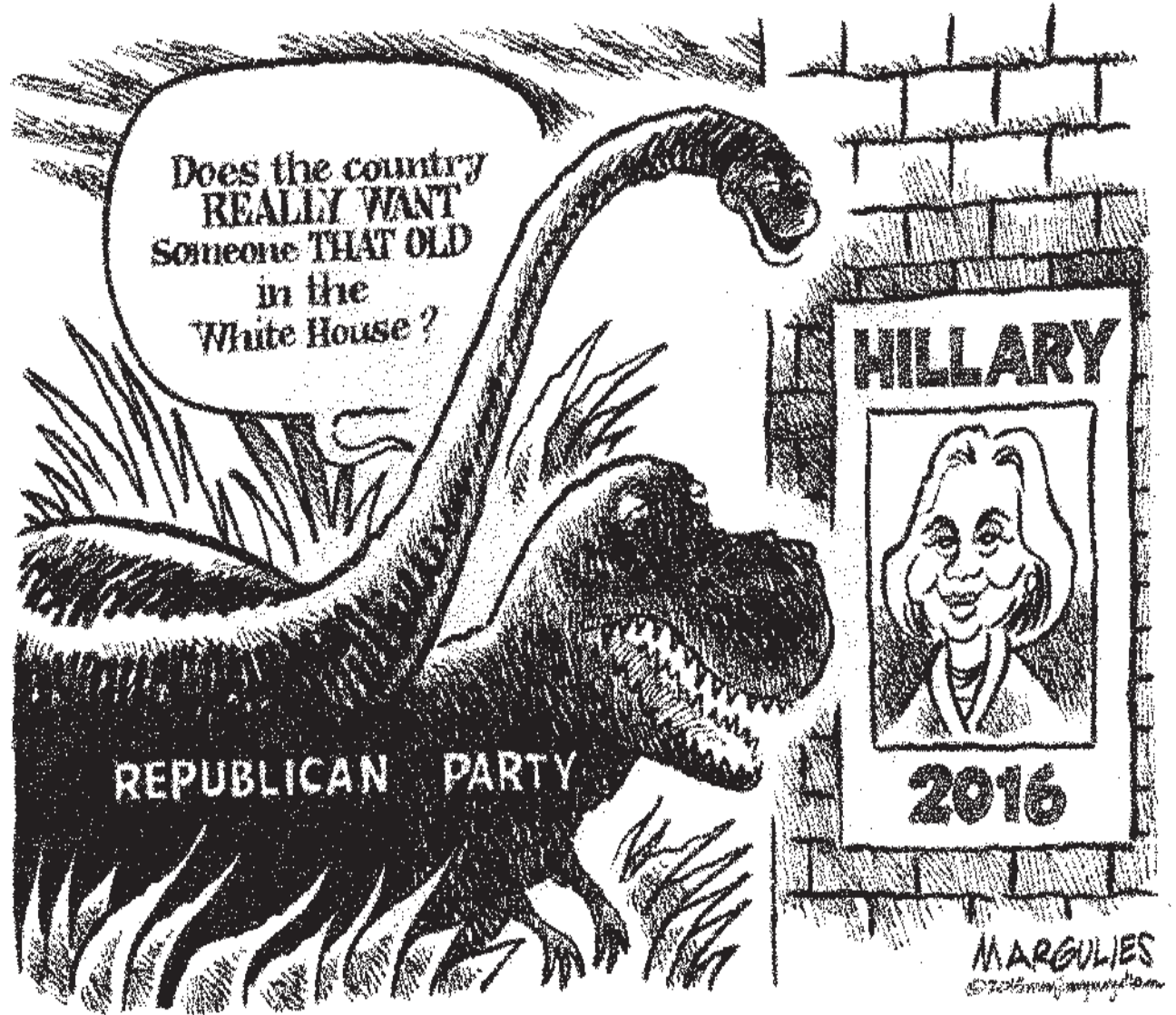
If that is close to an accurate quote, then this can safely be classified as, among other things, domestic terrorism—no less an act of terror than blowing up a government building in Oklahoma City or crashing airplanes into skyscrapers in Manhattan. A Facebook profile picture of Roof wearing a jacket with the flags of apartheid-era African nations is just another brush stroke in the picture.

But regardless of whether it was terrorism, one man's fanatical racial hatred or just deranged and ultimately inexplicable rage, nine human beings were killed in cold blood, in a house of worship. They were mothers, daughters, fathers, sons, sisters, brothers.

Sadly, if predictably, the gunshots had barely stopped echoing before this tragedy became sociopolitical fodder—pundits and political factions making Charleston's horror into a political issue, while in the same breath accusing political foes of making it into a political issue.

Maybe just this once, if only for a little while, we can try to ignore the ideological racket and listen instead for the weeping of the victims' families and friends, the soft voices of condolence from decent people all over the nation and the world, the quiet mourning of our fellow Americans after yet another violent and senseless assault on our common humanity. And maybe, if we listen hard enough, the falling tears of God.

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## Papa's turn

**M**y father called "ten-four" in May 2007 at 95 in Hawaii. To be sure, my Dad did not passively fade out. My brother, one of Honolulu's finest chaplains, would get a call as a white and blue car picked up my Dad walking by his lonesome down the freeway in the middle of the night. Until he was bedridden, he had the habit of pulling off childish "pranks" of disappearing from elders' care quarters.

Now my Mama remains semi-ambulatory in an elders' care home in Hawaii. She will be 95 this September and she might just make another year. I saw her a year ago; she perked up in Iloko: Adda ka met? Kaano ka nga simmangpet? (So, you are here; when did you arrive?)

But yesterday (today across the International dateline) was Papa's turn, and Manny losing to Floyd had not been easy on Pinoy Papas! A majority, however, rooted for Stephen Curry and the Warriors against the affable LeBron James of the Cavaliers, so that sort of even up the scale.

Let me borrow Ruth Benedict's distinction in the *Chrysanthemum and the Sword* she wrote shortly after WWII between guilt culture and shame culture to explain Japan, helpful on the big picture but disintegrates quickly when dealing with particulars.

Growing up under Papa's Iesu Church, guilt is an overriding category, and the image of heaven "from whence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead" abides. Fear of retribution is a constant, and knowing what is "right and wrong" is the key. While there is a patina of shame involved, virtue is made solely on the basis of merit.

The oriental male is deeply imbued with a sense of propriety, of pride and honor. *Ano na lang ang sasabihin nila?* (What will other people say?), is the frequent Filipino question. *Sino ka ba?* (Who are you?) taunts integrity.

In Sinosphere, the virtue of face (Mienzi) as a cultural factor, a determinant to social standing, cannot be overestimated. Status is of utmost importance, and with current identity dependent on the health of the bank account's bottom line, finances becomes the primary gauge of masculinity!

Next comes outward appearance at a premium. My "Polo" labeled shirts with the 1-inch logo that was pretentious when I first wore them, has grown into 5 inches tall in the new editions, worn by many in the golf links and commercial malls, the department stores, and at airports, in Saipan and other parts of the world.

A friend who once considered paying a cool \$1,000 for a Burberry plaid overcoat on sale that might cost over a hundred without

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the brand label at the bazaar, is dismayed that the \$2,000 offering at Galleria today is a discounted price. A scarf from the same shop of the same brand is \$1,250 on sale!

A Chinese lad asks questions on brand names merrily mispronouncing Givenchy, Louis Vitton, Gucci, and others displayed in Garapan. Converse and Nike used to be just rubber shoes, Dunhill were cigarettes we lit up by the river away from girlfriends and conservative Church members, Haggar was for casuals and Van Heusen was dress shirt until one got fashionable for a few more pesetas and opt for the Ralph Lauren. Now I cannot even afford to look at Garapan's window dressings, though I know how to pronounce Salvatore Ferragamo!

So, what do Papa's do on Father's Day? Ah, there is always sports (boxing and the NBA for Pinoy Dads); CNMI girls played soccer and lost to China, NoKor, and HK but many are back getting tanned swimming and playing tennis at Marpi, while drag racing adds to the score.

Papas of weaker constitution turn to couch potato-hood, an undignified but widely practiced turning into a profession. Not a TV denizen since moving into the skies of the Marianas (I refused to pay the cable company's rebroadcasts), I tend to walk the Saipan lagoon pathway for exercise, while speculating why sometimes there are only two rather than four of the floating military supply ships beyond our reefs.

I took two daughters to a public swimming pool in Guam once, and the younger one asked to be taught how to swim. "No problem," I said, so I lifted her up and dropped her at the deep end of the pool. She did not hesitate a bit, did not cry "murder," and learned to tread water. "Swimming" for nine months in Mama's womb naturally conditions our reflexes to tread on water.

I've long ago abandoned guilt and shame categories on cultures. There is nothing to support either one as a starting point. I remind

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**‘Lack of action’**

Senate President Victor B. Hocog (R-Rota) recently told the media that he and House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) have initiated moves to address the apparent “lack of action” on both sides on a number of bills, but stopped short of specifying which bills—in his opinion—ought to be on Gov. Eloy S. Inos’ desk for action as soon as possible.

It was not until June 16 or five months since the 19th Legislature took oath of office that the first of their bills became public law. No, it was not a revenue-generating bill, not a cost-cutting legislation, and certainly not about appropriating or reprogramming funds to pay the government’s utility service debts to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

Rather, it’s a bill that changes the time of lawmakers’ inaugural session. Public Law 19-1, formerly Sen. Justo Quitugua’s (Ind-Saipan) Senate Bill 19-8, sets the House inaugural session at 10am and the Senate, at 11am on the second Monday of January in the year following the regular general election.

We’re only talking of CNMI-wide bills here, not local bills that have more chance of becoming local laws. And as always the case, more resolutions, joint resolutions, and commemorative resolutions get adopted.

We don’t measure lawmakers’ success or effectiveness by the number of bills introduced or the speed in which these bills pass both houses, but on the quality of bills that are debated, reviewed by and reported on by committees, and voted on by the full House or Senate.

It’s also not about passing any bill just because it provides a new source of revenue, but making sure the bad bills do not get passed. In the past months, lawmakers’ debates or discussions on pieces of

legislation were not even about stemming waste of public funds, ensuring public safety, public health or revenue generation. In two or more sessions, for example, the debate was more on making sure Vice Speaker Ralph Demapan (R-Saipan) automatically becomes speaker when Joseph Deleon Guerrero gives up his post next year under their highly publicized power-sharing deal.

If the presiding officers of the Senate and House are lamenting a lack of action on both sides on bills, it may well be because most of the members do not feel a sense of urgency or lack the required information to pass or reject most of the bills so far introduced.

Samples of the bills in the Senate are legalizing marijuana for medicinal use; establishing an advisory committee to review the compensation of the governor, lieutenant governor, and lawmakers and make recommendations; and waiving the CNMI Scholarship repayment of grants and loans for workers from the armed forces and spouses of active members.

Others ensure a smooth mayoral transition; selection of a teacher representative within the Public School System to serve as a nonvoting teacher representative in the CNMI State Board of Education; restricting the transfer of fixed assets or capital goods from legislative offices; establishing a solid waste transfer station in Kagman and Saipan’s southern part; ensuring that a local workforce with a degree is given credit for the necessary work experience through their education to allow them to meet civil service requirement; and naming Saipan as the official capital of the CNMI.

In the House of Representatives, there are also all kinds of resurrected bills and fresh ones that include taxing and charging more tourists and residents alike for visiting certain tourist spots, abolish-

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ing the Department of Public Lands, creating a Second Marianas Political Status Commission, and holding primary elections for the governor and attorney general.

Moreover, the House and Senate need to follow their own house rules in handling the bills introduced and not allow them to just die a natural death regardless of the nature of these measures.

The House, for example, has for years not often followed its own rules specifically dealing with bills assigned to committees. Each standing or special committee is supposed to submit a written report to the speaker within 60 days from the date a piece of legislation was referred to that committee, unless the speaker orders a shorter or longer time pursuant to the House leadership’s decision.

A number of bills disappear from radar the moment they’re assigned to certain committees that are supposed to review them and make recommendation to the full House for passage or rejection—until their terms are over and a new set of lawmakers is sworn into office. And worse, certain committees appear to be black holes for bills, so good luck to the pieces of legislation referred to them.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR****Your brain on dope**

Eat it, drink it, inhale it, smoke it, shoot it, patch it.

So Ambrose Bennett and the Hemley couple desire for you to do it. How? Simple. As his very first official act in office Sen. Sixto Igisomar is lucky enough to get his “medical” marijuana bill passed into law courtesy of his majority GOP doppelgangers in congress up on the hill. No matter what, soon it’s open season for full pop, toke up recreational pot in the streets. As Slick puts it, “qualified” patients with debilitating medical conditions “Are not subject to arrest, prosecution or penalty.” Isn’t that a relief, a get-out-of-jail ticket for dopers. Start with the good ol’ boys up on the hill they need it the most. What’s next, legislative bong sessions called to order? It’s harmless, right? So swear the Hemleys, Bennett, and the pot smokers they know so well. Do it, get stoned, do a line or two, see if you keep your job the next morning.

Ambrose’s uncountable and tortured linguistic letters to the editor says, everybody and his mother can scoop up the billions in *salape*, so can you, and I want my cut, too. But wait. By February 2015 Colorado, one of the states specifically singled out by local pro-drugs advocates as being the multi-million, money making “green” machine our islands should emulate, is being sued in court by other neighboring states as well as its own citizens to cease and desist sales of recreational drugs. It appears the pro-druggies refuse to

understand that the federal “supremacy” laws passed in the 1970s deem the sale and use of drugs is illegal.

What the create-me-a-job Bennett won’t tell you is that on June 18, 2015, the Colorado Supreme Court in a 6-0 decision, upheld the termination of a plaintiff/employee’s job, a quadriplegic, who sued his employer after failing a random drug test. Why? The plaintiff/dude tested positive for using “medical marijuana” pot. His failed defense? Told the justices he has spasms. The point won by the employer? “If you’re going to blow pot don’t come to work.” Where does the state go from here? The Supreme Court doesn’t make laws so now the Colorado lawmakers must reverse the very same law that Anxious Ambrose so dearly covets for his island brethren and his pockets. But who cares? Go make dough on the sly.

Oddly, Sixto is also declaring a “war on ice” because rampant crimes caused by meth heads really and truly bother him. Huh? Contradictory, slick. Why? Marijuana in cookies or brewed as tea, hookah (bong) pipes or just puffed anywhere at any time is a bad, bad problem and can cause brain damage no matter what Ambrose and Hemley claim. Look it up.

Recently there was a cute cartoon appearing in the local news rag called “Marianas Milk” whose editorial paints a picture of

“Meth mouth” users. Pay close attention because it is very, very real. And they all became ice/shabu addicts after their first puff/use of weed. My friends do it so it must be okay, they convince themselves. Too bad. That’s the allure, the hook until it is too late. Drugging is not the way to end the day. What’s the lesson here? Don’t play with matches.

How do you know it’s true? Google “marijuana” and “crystal methamphetamine addiction.” Read all the articles. Next, download all the photographs of the meth mouth users. Then stick ‘em up on your refrigerator as a constant reminder for you and the kids. And while you’re at it, Google, “U.S. Controlled Substance Act (Schedule II). Eye-opener. Free-base burns? Crack babies born? Meth and cannabis addicts nodding off and stacked-up alongside feeble *man’amkos* gasping for air in the already overcrowded waiting room? Ouch! Something our inept hospital is ill-prepared to control much less fix. Then see what’s going to happen when the casino turns on its lights and the local pushers and Chinese connection get a real good handle on things.

The truth is out there if you seek to find it.

**Lee Andersen***Via email***Let’s galvanize support vs military use of Pagan**

This summer represents the better time range for Mariana islanders to garner additional public support and media coverage of the protestations associated with the proposed U.S. military use of Pagan and the proposed greater military use of Tinian. Next summer’s media coverage will be heavily focused on national election politics and threat inflation claims that is almost certain to give the military ongoing advantage in dealing with Mariana Island residents who protest MARFORPAC desires to damage Pagan and Tinian. While national campaign coverage grows, the U.S. Pacific Command will be scurrying to finalize a report for Congress that is related to its

desires and recommendations regarding the further militarization of the Marianas due by March 2016.

Mass media attention will further benefit the Pentagon during most of 2017 because while the press focuses on the January 2017, presidential inaugural festivities and the presidential honeymoon period, the Navy Pentagon will be submitting its FY 2018 budget to the White House and the new president will not necessarily be able to make his or her mark on the national defense issues already in play. The significance of mass media focus converging on presidential politics and threat inflation in 2017 will, with a high degree of

certainty, most likely cap reporting coverage that has been given to recent protests on Pagan and Tinian. It is in the collective interest of residents of the beautiful Mariana Islands chain to continue to press forward with bolder and more courageous action to tactically and strategically protest and reject the military’s desire to permanently harm and damage the Mariana Islands through live bombing and live firing exercises.

**Rick Perez***Hanover, New Hampshire***PAPA***From Page 10*

my children and students that at the starting gate of human exist-

tence, it is true that one is born a “winner” and “free.”

A rehash: of the 200 million sperms that my Papa ejaculated into my Mama’s egg in a moment of passion, a sperm and an egg merged together to dance life into a marvelous repertoire of skeletal frames, muscular, digestive, respiratory, and nervous systems that

guide a creature’s intentionality into human society.

Whatever guilt-ridden Augustine said to quiet his qualms, I would not apologize for being here, all 86 years of it, nor should I be beholden to any stratified social construct that tells me how to act.


That’s this Papa. We’ll leave the others with their neckties!



# The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian


TODAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.  
East winds 10 to 20 mph.

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TUESDAY



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.  
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THURSDAY



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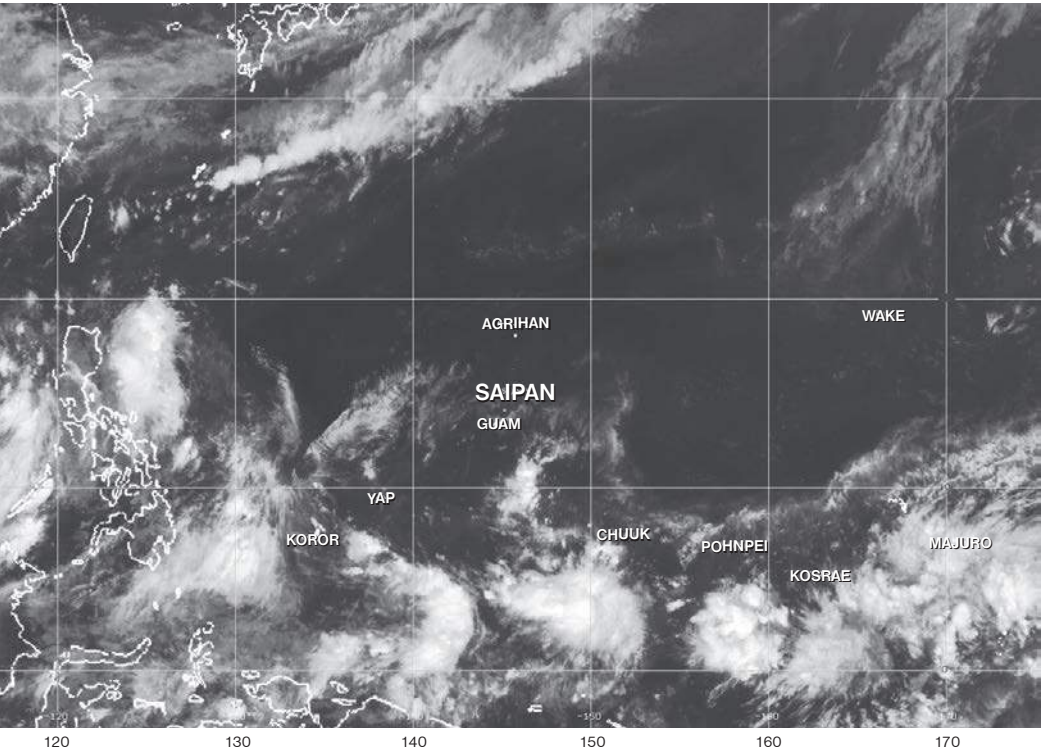
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Yesterday's Satellite Image




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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough meanders eastward through 10N130E through a circulation centered south of Chuuk at 5N150E to end southeast of Kosrae at EQ166E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present west of Koror west of a line from 10N130E to 8N133E to 3N133E east of Koror to south of Chuuk south of a line from 8N136e to 5N143E to 7N152E and south of Pohnpei and Kosrae south of a line from 4N156E to 4N164E. A weak trade-wind disturbance is generating scattered showers southeast of Guam between 8N and 12N from 145E to 148E. A trade-wind disturbance is coupling with divergent upper-level winds to generate scattered to numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms over the southern Marshall Islands and Butaritari Atoll between the equator and 9N from 164E to 180.

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Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲86	▼82
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼78
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼80
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼80

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲56	▼41
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲90	▼68
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	▲89	▼81
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼74
London	Showers	▲62	▼54
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼65
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼77
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲57	▼51
Miami	Sunny	▲90	▼78
New York	Thunderstorms	▲81	▼72
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲80	▼70
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Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲78	▼65
Rome	Sunny	▲83	▼64
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼54
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲62	▼53
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼63
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UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3			UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3		
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UA5039	2:15pm	3:55pm	6, 7 via Rota			UA5039	12:55pm	1:45pm	6, 7		
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UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5			UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5		
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UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5			UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5		
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)						GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)					
UA5039	2:15pm	2:50pm	6, 7			UA5038	1:00pm	1:35pm	2, 4		
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)						ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN					
UA5039	3:20pm	3:55pm	6, 7			UA5038	2:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4		
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)						PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN					
DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT			DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT		
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)						NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN					
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 6			DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily		
DL297	4:30pm	7:15pm	Daily			DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7		
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)						SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN					
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1			7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7		
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7			7C3402	10:55am	4:25pm	3, 5, 6		
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 5, 6, 7			OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7		
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	3, 4			OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6		
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7			7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily		
7C3401	5:25pm	9:10pm	3, 5, 6								
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)						BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN					
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7			OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6		
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)						SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN					
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7			3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7		
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)						BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN					
MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7			MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6		
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)						GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN					
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6			3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5		
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)						MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN					
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN			DL276/288	9:30am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT		
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UA5070/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	Daily via GUM			OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN		
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM			PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM		
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DL287/275	6:05am	9:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT			UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM		
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UA5068/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM			UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:35pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota		
UA5068/183	8:40am	9:10pm	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM			UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:35pm+1	4, 7 via GUM		
UA5039/183	2:15pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM			UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:25pm+1	4, 7 via GUM		
UA5038/183	3:05pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM			UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 6 via GUM		
UA5078/183	3:05pm	8:50pm	5 via GUM			UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:10pm+1	4, 7 via GUM		
UA5078/183	3:05pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM			UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via GUM		
UA5038/183	3:05pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM			UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	5 via GUM		
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)						HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN					
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN			OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN		
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN			OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN		
UA5070/179	4:15am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM			UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM		
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM			UA180/5039	9:55pm	1:45pm+1	5, 6 via GUM		
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM			UA180/5077	9:55pm	2:40pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota		
UA5039/179	2:15pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM			UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM		
UA5078/179	3:05pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM								

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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## UOG honor society holds first induction ceremony

Pi Alpha Alpha (PAA), a global honor society for public affairs and administration, held its first induction ceremony at the University of Guam School of Business and Public Administration Lecture Hall on Thursday, May 21, 2015. PAA is the first honor society solely for graduate students on Guam and was organized by Master of Public Administration (MPA) Program Chair, Dr. John Rivera with strong support from the Dean of School of Business and Public Administration Dr. Annette Tajeron Santos.

The inaugural members included 32 recent MPA graduates. Also inducted as the chapter's Honorary Member was

William Corbett, the senior supervisory special agent of the FBI's Honolulu division, Guam resident agency.

PAA is administered by the National Association of Schools of Public Administration (NAS-PAA) and was formed to recognize and promote the study and practice of public affairs and administration. There are more than 160 chapters around the world at NASPAA member schools.

The objectives of PAA, such as fostering integrity, professionalism, and effective performance, promote the advancement of quality in the education and practice of the art and science of public affairs and ad-

ministration. PAA membership identifies those with the highest performance levels in educational programs preparing them for public service careers.

The inducted officers are Jesse Quenga (president), Analyn Gatus Akigami (vice president), Lea Quinitio (secretary), and Tasha Wade (treasurer).

The chapter's member are Annette Aguon, Vince Aguon, Miranda Alegre, Randy Alegre, Estelle Alig, Leenord Amado, Rock Anciano, Charlene Bitlaol, Danny Bungcayao, Toyoko Colfax, Kevin Cruz, Mary Ann Galang, Restine Hernandez, Ruben Navarete, Jon Pablo, Ellery Paz, William Piki, Anthony Quenga, Melissa Quinata, Matthew Razo, Grace Rodriguez, John Ruane, Bruce San Nicolas, Art Stanley, Chris Surla, Gabriel Wusstig, Ivy Y. Yen, and Jin Yi. **(PR)**

## Military to conduct training at FDM, WA-517

**ASAN, Guam**—The Air Force will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

- June 22 from 5am to 1pm
- June 23 from 1-6 pm
- June 24 from 11am to 4pm
- June 25 from 10:30am to 4pm
- June 26 from 9am to 7pm

The military will also conduct training at Warning Area 517 during the following dates and times:

- June 22 from 5am to 1pm
- June 23 from 8am to 8pm
- June 24 from noon to 8pm

The general public, especially

fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators, are advised to stay clear from the area during the dates and times indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants. Farallon de Medinilla plays a special and unique role in national defense because its location provides frequent access that supports established training requirements. In addition, the air and sea space in the Farallon provides sufficient room for the many different attack profiles

necessary to replicate training opportunities in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

W-517 is activated south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. All vessels are advised to remain clear of W-517 south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank are open for public use.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. W-517 supports surface and aerial gunnery, missiles, and laser exercises. **(PR)**



### Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

The CNMI WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Program is now accepting Vendor Applications for the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

All interested vendors may pick up an application at the main office located on Upper Navy Hill Building # N-25, beginning May 04, 2015 through July 17, 2015; Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, or request for an application via email at [fabianu@cnmiwic.org](mailto:fabianu@cnmiwic.org) or download an application on CHCC's website at <http://chcc.gov.mp>.

Applications must be submitted to the CNMI WIC Program's Administrative Office no later than 4:00 p.m., July 17, 2015.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to carefully read through the information provided to ensure minimum qualifications are met.

Inquiries and technical questions may be directed to the Vendor Management Coordinator, Fabian M. Ulloa at (670) 664-4066, by email at [fabianu@cnmiwic.org](mailto:fabianu@cnmiwic.org) or by facsimile at (670) 664-4069.

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/s/ Esther L. Muña  
Chief Executive Officer  
Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation

/s/ Carmen C. Cabrera  
Administrator  
CNMI WIC Program



### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-15-017

##### WATERLINE REPAIRS, SAIPAN, CNMI

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced entities to provide construction repair services for identified waterline leaks in the CUC water system. This Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity contract will be awarded to multiple Contractors. The work will consist of excavation and leak repairs on various types of waterlines and appurtenances. Materials for leak repairs are to be provided by CUC. Payment is only for the items completely installed and accepted by CUC. The duration of the contract is one year (365 calendar days) from date of award with an option to extend for an additional year, contingent upon funding and if exercised by CUC.

*This project is funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and CUC & the US Department of Interior -Bureau of Reclamation. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from the above mentioned funding agencies.*

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on **June 23, 2015 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Training Room, 3rd Floor, Room 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan.

Prospective proponents for this RFP must register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division, by 3:00 p.m. (ChST) on June 26, 2015 in order to be considered.

**One (1) Original Hard Copy** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC RFP-15-017, Waterline Repairs, Saipan, CNMI" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on July 14, 2015**. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to CUC Procurement & Supply Division via email address [cucprocurement@cucgov.org](mailto:cucprocurement@cucgov.org) or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission.

The deadline for proposal submittals is July 14, 2015, although this date may be subject to change. Changes to the proposal schedule will be distributed to all registered proponents by the CUC Procurement and Supply office.

A *Proposal Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Proponents are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the proponents due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of proponents' preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

Proponents shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proponents.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: <https://marianaslabor.net/>. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be considered only from registered proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on June 30, 2015** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org), with a copy to Yvonne Cabrera, CUC Engineer, Water/Wastewater Division via email [yvonne.cabrera@cucgov.org](mailto:yvonne.cabrera@cucgov.org).

ALAN W. FLETCHER  
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN  
Purchasing Officer



### Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



#### INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-15-018

##### SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF POWER DISTRIBUTION ANNUAL MATERIALS

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified entities for the Supply and Delivery of Power Distribution Annual Materials for Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

*CUC may award a contract to more than one firm for the materials, based on bids for "Commodity Groups".*

Prospective Bidders must register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$50.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

**One (1) Original Hard Copy** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-15-018, Supply & Delivery of Power Distribution Annual Materials, Saipan, CNMI" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on July 16, 2015**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. *A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to CUC Procurement & Supply Division via email address cucprocurement@cucgov.org or alternately include a CD with the copy of the submission.*

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bid. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidder. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. All responses to this Invitation for Bids should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the bidder, awarded a contract.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. The award of a contract(s) is contingent upon the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) and the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Board of Director's (BOD) approval. The contract(s) will not be executed by CUC until such approval is provided.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on June 29, 2015** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer, via email address [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to Alfredo Palattao, CUC Power Division Engineer via email [alfredo.palattao@cucgov.org](mailto:alfredo.palattao@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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# Russian TV show *Utro Rossii* films in NMI

Russian television show *Utro Rossii* filmed on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota last month for programs scheduled to air on June 15 to over 1 million viewers.

While in the Northern Marianas, the show host interviewed historian Scott Russell about indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian culture, president Sharon Hart and students from Northern Marianas College, and principal Raena Bermudes at Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School. Other filming included an interview with World War II survivor David Sablan and

various World War II sites on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Culinary attractions will also be featured on the show, including the Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden and Tinian “donne sali” (hot pepper) production. Filming was also conducted at Saipan World Resort, Kanoa Resort, Aqua Resort Club, Mariana Resort & Spa, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, Rota Resort, and Fiesta Resort & Spa and aboard the “Stars & Stripes” dinner cruise boat.

A local family shared the day

with the film crew as well, preparing a local barbecue and preparing for and performing local dances. Other filmed adventures included the Sea Touch marine animal encounter, an RZR tour with Let’s Go Tour and scenic sites on all three islands.

“The Russian outbound market has serious international issues far beyond the control of the CNMI,” said MVA Marketing manager Bruce Bateman. “Nevertheless, we are doing everything possible to stimulate current Russian arrivals and to keep our destination’s image



MVA

Indigenous Chamorro dance troupe Simiyan Manaina-ta is filmed by Russian TV show *Utro Rossii*

in front of the traveling public during these trying economic times. High viewership programs like this one are seen all across Russia and help meet that exposure goal.”

Arrivals from Russia fell 80 percent to 189 visitors in May as a result of the suspension of direct flights last year. The MVA has launched discount campaigns to the NMI from Far East Russia throughout summer 2015 to begin rebuilding the Russian market in the face of severe economic pressures and has launched a campaign providing incentives to travel agents who book hotels in the Northern Marianas. (MVA)



MVA

World War II survivor David Sablan is interviewed by Russian TV show *Utro Rossii* on May 11, 2015.



## BSI DONATES TO NURSES

Matt Harkness, chief operating officer of Best Sunshine International Ltd., is pictured with Jordan Danao, R.N. and vice president of the CNMI Nurses Association at a presentation of \$500 to the Nurses Week Celebration. This celebration is dedicated to commending the hardworking nurses and overall health of the CNMI community. The Nurses Week Celebration event, June 7th to June 13th, will include continuing education activities, sporting events, and community outreach.

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## UOG SHRM named ‘Outstanding Student Chapter’

The Society for Human Resources Management has nationally recognized the University of Guam SHRM Student Chapter as an “Outstanding Student Chapter” for the second straight year. This is the third time UOG students have received this award. This dis-

inction is the highest honor awarded by SHRM to student chapters which have developed and implemented innovative projects that cater to the professional development needs of its members and that assist in the transition from college to career. “I’m very proud of our

SHRM students and the UOG SHRM Student Chapter,” said Dr. Richard Colfax, faculty advisor. “We face many challenges each year, and our students find ways to overcome them. We are all very grateful for the continued support of the SBPA Dean and the SHRM-Guam Profes-

sional Chapter.”

Newly appointed SBPA Dean Dr. Annette Santos also expressed her congratulations to the University’s student chapter.

“Being recognized as an Outstanding Student Chapter for a three years is a merit of honor and great distinction,” Santos

said. “This SHRM award reaffirms the quality of excellent student leaders that we develop in the School of Business and Public Administration and here at the University of Guam. We are proud of this award and the significant accomplishments of our students.”

The UOG SHRM Student Chapter will receive the award at the SHRM Annual Conference and Exposition in Las Vegas this month. Students attending the conference this year will be Bridgette Almario (Vice President-elect), Rachel Bongato (Secretary-elect), Yukari Buccat (President-elect), Mark

Canovas, Jonas Guiking, Audre McAuslen (former president), Hannah Mortera (former president), Calvin Vy (former PRO), Di Xiong (former vice president), and A-Ichea Yamada.

The SHRM conferences are the largest for human resources professionals with over 13,000 attending each year. Among featured conference speakers for this year are Mike “Coach K” Krzyzewski, the winningest coach to NCAA Division I history, Mika Brzezinski, co-host of “Morning Joe”, Marcus Buckingham, best-selling author and Dr. Mehmet Oz, world-renowned surgeon (UOG).



UOG

Spring 2015 members and officers of the University of Guam Society for Human Resources Management, from left. Raymond Smithwick (member), Peter Aguilar (member), Dr. Colfax (advisor), Calvin Vy (PRO), Di Xiong (vice president), and Audre McAuslen (president).

## NMC-CREES invites community to Agri Fair

The Northern Marianas College-Cooperative Research, Extension and Education Service (CREES) will be holding its 4-H AGRO-Fashion Contest and Mini Chef Competition at this year’s Saipan Agricultural Fair on June 27, 2015.

The 4-H AGRO-Fashion Contest is open to children ages 8-12. Entry forms must be submitted by 4pm, June 24, 2015, at the NMC-CREES main office at

NMC Campus, Building F.

The Mini Chef Competition is open to participants ages 12-16. Entry forms must be submitted by 4pm, June 24, 2015, at the NMC-CREES main office at NMC Campus, Building F.

Both Entry Forms can be accessed online at [www.marianas.edu](http://www.marianas.edu). For more information, please contact Polly Omechel at 237- 5498 ext. 6851. (NMC-CREES)

### » Will organize 4-H AGRO-Fashion Contest, Mini Chef Competition



# Business

## Study says repealing ‘Obamacare’ would increase the budget deficit

WASHINGTON (AP)—A nonpartisan government study says repealing President Barack Obama’s signature health care law would modestly increase the budget deficit and the number of uninsured Americans would rise by more than 20 million.

The report from the Congressional Budget Office comes ahead of a highly anticipated Supreme Court ruling that could have a major impact on the Affordable Care Act, nullifying health insurance subsidies for some 6 million people in more than 30 states. The budget analysts said that would add a host of new uncertainties to their estimates.

Republicans now in control of both chambers of Congress say they are not backing away from their promise to repeal “Obamacare.”

But repealing the law’s spending cuts and tax increases would add \$137 billion to the federal deficit over the coming decade, CBO said in the report issued Friday, even though almost \$1.7 trillion in coverage costs would disappear. Repeal would reduce deficits in the first few years but increase them steadily as time goes on.

Repeal would up the number of uninsured people by about 24 million people, and the share of U.S. adults with health insurance would drop from roughly 90 percent now to about 82 per-

cent, the report said.

On the other side of the balance sheet, the report says that completely repealing the law would, on average, boost the economy by 0.7 percent a year after the start of the ‘20s. That’s mostly because more people would enter the workforce or work more hours to make up for the lack of government health care subsidies.

But the positive economic effects of repeal would fade over time, the budget agency said, offset by the increased budget deficits. Repeal of the excise tax on high-cost plans is a major reason why deficits would increase in later years, because more and more plans would be hit by this “Cadillac tax.”

The CBO provides lawmakers with nonpartisan budget and economic analysis. Republicans controlling Congress have increasingly asked the office to incorporate a broader range of potential economic consequences of major legislation into its work, and Friday’s report is the first major study released since GOP appointee Keith Hall took over as CBO director. CBO analysts always caution that their studies of legislation can be uncertain, especially over many years.

Previously, CBO analyses would not have taken into account such a broad range of economic consequences. The agency said that using its earlier

chi on a sprawling agenda, including plans for a bilateral investment treaty.

### Greek officials meet, prepare proposals for Eurozone summit

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—Two days before a crucial summit of Eurozone leaders, Greek ministers are huddling to discuss strategy and assemble a new package of proposals, officials say. A meeting between Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras and three senior ministers finished Saturday evening and a new one is scheduled for Sunday morning. “We aim at an agreement” Monday, Economy Minister George Stathakis told reporters after leaving Saturday’s meeting. Minister of State Alekos Flambouraris said in a TV interview earlier Saturday that there could be a phone discussion between Tsipras and European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker later Saturday, although it had not been scheduled yet. The government on Saturday said Tsipras has cancelled a visit to Strasbourg Tuesday, where he was scheduled to speak at the Council of Europe.

approach would have resulted in a bigger estimated impact on the deficit, an increase of \$353 billion over the coming decade. Adding the economic factors cuts the repeal’s effect on the deficit by more than half over 10 years, the report says.

The budget scorekeepers also offered a cautionary note to Congress: Obama’s law is by now so enmeshed with the health care system that uprooting it would create its own issues.

“Implementing a repeal of the ACA would present major challenges,” the report said. “In the five years since its enactment, nearly every key provision of the law has taken effect and has been incorporated into final rules and other administrative actions. Undoing the ACA would thus be quite complicated.”

Unwinding changes to Medicare would be particularly difficult, the CBO said.

The health care law offers subsidized private health insurance policies to people who don’t have access to coverage on the job, along with an expanded version of Medicaid geared to low-income adults, in states that have accepted the expansion.

If the law is repealed, about 18 million fewer people would have individual health insurance policies, and about 14 million fewer people would be covered under Medicaid, the report said. Gains in employer coverage would partially offset those losses, with 8 million more covered through job based insurance.

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# Nation

## Church shooting site to re-open; FBI reviews manifesto

**CHARLESTON, South Carolina** (AP)—Parishioners were let into the bullet-scarred Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal church on Saturday, getting a first-hand glimpse of the room where nine people from their congregation were slain.

Meanwhile, the FBI said it was investigating a manifesto purportedly written by the suspected gunman, 21-year-old Dylann Roof.

The website linked to Roof contained photos of him holding a burning American flag and standing on one. In other images, he was holding the Confederate flag representing the pro-slavery South in the American Civil War, considered a divisive symbol by many.

The hate-filled 2,500-word essay talks about white supremacy and the author says “the event that truly awakened me was the Trayvon Martin case.”

Martin was an unarmed black teenager who was fatally shot in Florida in 2012 by



AP  
A cleaning crew moves equipment while working at the Emanuel AME Church where nine people at the historic black church were killed Wednesday in a shooting in Charleston, S.C., Saturday, June 20, 2015.

the right” and that the case led him to search “black on White crime” on the Internet.

“I have never been the same since that day,” it said.

It’s unclear if Roof wrote it but the rants are in line with what he has told friends and what he said before allegedly opening fire inside the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal church Wednesday night.

Cleaning crews worked at the church Saturday and church members announced they will hold a Sunday service. Harold Washington, 75, was with the small group that saw the lower-level room where the victims were shot.

“They did a good job cleaning it up, there were a few bullet holes around but what they did, they cut them out so you don’t see the actual holes,” he said.

neighborhood watch volunteer

George Zimmerman. Martin was walking home, got into a confrontation with Zimmerman and was shot.

Prosecutors accused Zimmerman of profiling Martin, but he was acquitted of murder. The manifesto said “it was obvious that Zimmerman was in

### SIDEBAR

### Shootings’ emotional burden looms over Sunday sermons

**CHARLESTON, S.C.** (AP)—Members of a historic black church will return to their sanctuary Sunday and worship, perhaps united like never before, and similar sermons of recovery and healing will reverberate throughout the country.

Sunday morning will mark the first worship service at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church since Dylann Roof, 21, sat among a Bible study group and opened fire after saying that he targeted them because they were black, authorities said. Among the nine killed was the church pastor, the Rev. Clementa Pinckney, who was also a state senator.

Events to show solidarity are planned throughout the city and beyond, including the synchronized ringing of church bells at 10 a.m. EDT. South

Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley and her family were to attend the service at Emanuel.

Despite grim circumstances the congregation has been faced with, the welcoming spirit Roof exploited before the shooting is still alive, church members said.

Harold Washington, 75, expects the sanctuary to host even more newcomers after one shattered the group’s sense of peace and security.

“We’re gonna have people come by that we’ve never seen before and will probably never see again, and that’s OK,” he said Saturday. “It’s a church of the Lord, you don’t turn nobody down.”

Church leaders will try to address the heavy psychological burdens parishioners bring with them.

“I think just because of what

people have gone through emotions are definitely heightened, not just in Charleston but with anyone going to church because it is such a sacred place, it is such a safe place,” Shae Edros, 29, said after a multiracial group of women sang “Amazing Grace” outside the church Saturday afternoon.

“To have something like that completely shattered by such evil—I think it will be in the back of everyone’s heads, really,” Erdos said. Erdos was planning on attending Sunday service in nearby Mount Pleasant.

The suburb is connected to Charleston by the Arthur Ravenel Bridge, where people are expected to join hands in

#### Charleston church shooting

Dylann Roof, 21, of Columbia, S.C., was captured in Shelby, N.C., during a traffic stop Thursday. Roof is accused of shooting and killing nine people, including the pastor, inside a historic black church in downtown Charleston.



Source: AP, EmanuelAMEChurch.org  
Graphic: Tribune News Service

solidarity Sunday evening. The bridge’s namesake is a former state lawmaker and a vocal Confederate flag supporter.

## Manhunt for escaped killers shifts after possible sighting



AP  
At left, in a May 21, 2015, file photo released by the New York State Police is David Sweat. At right, in a May 20, 2015, file photo released by the New York State Police is Richard Matt.

**FRIENDSHIP, N.Y.** (AP)—The search for two convicted killers in New York shifted after possible sightings in the southern part of the state, 350 miles from the prison where the men escaped two weeks ago.

New York State Police spokesman Beau Duffy said officers were investigating a possible sighting of the prisoners in Allegany County near the Pennsylvania border.

A person spotted two men Saturday near a railroad line that runs along Route 20 in the town of Friendship, state police said, and police concentrated the search in the area along the route and Interstate 86.

David Sweat and Richard Matt escaped June 6 from the Clinton Correctional Facility

in Dannemora, near the Canadian border. The two broke out of the maximum-security prison using power tools and leaving behind dummies under bedcovers in their adjoining cells.

A door-to-door search involving up to 800 law enforcement officers has been underway since then, concentrated in a several-mile radius of woods and fields around the prison in the Adirondacks.

State police moved the search command post from the prison Saturday to nearby Cadyville and focused attention on the other side of the state. They advised the public to report any suspicious activity and asked residents who live in the Friendship area along the New York-Pennsylvania border to be on alert.

## Cousins killed in Berkeley balcony collapse had a twins bond

**COTATI, Calif.** (AP)—Two cousins who were among the victims killed when a balcony collapsed in Berkeley were remembered Saturday as kind, fun-loving young women who shared a bond of twins even though they grew up an ocean apart - one in California and the other in Ireland.

Ashley Donohoe, 22, of Rohnert Park, California, and her cousin Olivia Burke, 21, of Ireland were mourned Saturday at a Catholic Mass, where those in attendance wiped away tears but also laughed as a priest shared memories of the best friends.

A bagpipe player led a brief procession of heartbroken family and friends carrying the coffins into St. Joseph Catholic Church in Cotati. Wreaths of white flowers and emerald green ribbons decorated the church.

When Burke turned 18, Donohoe traveled to Ireland and surprised her. Burke often traveled to California to spend time with her cousin, said Rev. Daniel Whelton, who led the service at the same church where Donohoe was baptized.

“Growing up, they would dress alike and they would try to fool their parents into think-

ing they were twins,” Whelton said with those in attendance breaking into laughter.

Whelton said Donohoe’s mother told him the two were embracing when they died.

“In life they were together and in death they are together,” Whelton said.

At a less somber celebration of the women’s lives in a ballroom at Sonoma State University, where Donohoe was studying Biology, two giant screen projected photographs of the cousins as children and young women hugging, dressing up and making funny faces.

Donohoe’s sister, Amanda Donohoe, said her sister traveled at least 22 times to Ireland to spend time with their cousin.

“Although their lives were really short and ended in a tragic way, they still led full lives with the short time they did have,” Amanda Donohoe said.

“None of us will ever forget them,” she added.

A dozen family and friends shared memories of the women that made about 6000 people in the massive room laugh and tear up. A group of Irish dancers performed while the crowd ate lunch.



# Asia

## Japan, S. Korea mark 50-year treaty

**TOKYO (AP)**—Foreign ministers from Japan and South Korea are holding a rare meeting Sunday on the eve of the 50th anniversary since their countries normalized relations marred by Japan's colonization and World War II conquest.

Yet, the ties between the most important U.S. allies in Asia are so low that one hoped-for outcome of the meeting is an agreement for the countries' leaders to just show up at Monday's ceremonies in their respective capitals, instead of exchanging written statements.

"It's a grave situation, and what's more serious is that Japan's diplomacy toward South Korea has turned harsher against the backdrop of public sentiment," said Junya Nishino, a political science professor at Keio University.

According to a poll by Japanese newspaper Asahi and South Korea's Dong-a Ilbo, published Saturday, more than half of the respondents in both countries say their image of the other side has worsened in the past five years.

The poll also found that 87 percent of South Koreans feel

strongly about better relations with their neighbor, compared to 64 percent in Japan.

"Trust between Japan and South Korea has been largely lost, and it's not easy to restore it right away," said Nishino.

Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and South Korean President Park Geun-hye have yet to hold fully fledged bilateral talks since taking office in 2012 and 2013, respectively. Washington has been concerned about its allies' strained relations.

They are rooted in Japan's colonization of Korea, from 1910 to the end of World War II. The relations improved in the late 1990s, following Japanese apologies, cultural exchanges and a Korean pop culture boom in the 2000s, but nosedived a few years ago largely because of differences over their shared history.

Many Koreans still remember Japan's 35-year colonization as the era of brutality and humiliation, during which they were forced to use Japanese names and language while their pride, heritage and sense of identity were severely

threatened. After normalizing ties, it took three more decades before Seoul officially allowed Japanese films and other popular culture back into the country.

The latest downturn started in 2012, when then-South Korean President Lee Myung-bak visited a cluster of Seoul-controlled islets also claimed by Japan.

As public sentiment soured, ethnic Koreans in Japan, many of whom descendants of forced laborers, became target of racial insults by right-wing extremists.

Anti-Korean books and magazines have become bookstore staples, while Korean pop idols who once dominated Japanese TV shows have largely disappeared, and many shops in downtown Tokyo once known as Korea Town closed down.

Nishino said the deterioration in relations could also be traced to South Korea's rising economic clout and international profile that has touched the nerve of many Japanese, who have lost confidence in their own leadership amid economic slump and political disarray.

## Suu Kyi warns instability could delay Myanmar elections

**YANGON, Myanmar (AP)**—Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi told her party's senior members Saturday that this year's general election could be delayed if there is any instability in the country.

The former Nobel Peace Prize winner did not go into specifics but Myanmar has seen several deadly outbreaks of violence between Buddhists and Muslims in the last few years amid a surge of Buddhist nationalist sentiment. This weekend, a movement of ultra-nationalist Buddhist monks is holding a keenly watched conference.

Suu Kyi spoke at the opening of a two-day conference of her National League for Democra-

cy, which is expected to mount a sharp challenge in the polls to the current military-backed government.

In her speech at the party's twice-yearly meeting of central committee members, Suu Kyi said that stability ahead of the poll was "very important" as she wanted to see it go ahead on time.

"The election is getting closer. I want to stress that stability in the country is very important ahead of elections," said Suu Kyi. "I want to warn that elections could be delayed using instability as a reason."

Suu Kyi's remarks can be seen as suggesting that the government or the military—which holds

power behind the scenes—might want to take advantage of disorder to hold on to power.

The election is slated for late October or early November but no exact date has yet been set. The NLD is expected to see heavy gains against the ruling Union Solidarity and Development Party.

Suu Kyi also said when her party contested by-elections in 2012, it pledged to work for amending the 2008 constitution, and it continues to seek that. The current constitution contains clauses that bar her from becoming president. Parliament this coming week will debate several constitutional amendments.

has ordered an inquiry into the cause of the deaths. Police have collected samples of the spurious liquor and have sent them for analysis. Deaths from illegally brewed alcohol are common in India because the poor cannot afford licensed liquor. Illicit liquor is often spiked with chemicals such as pesticides to increase its potency.

### Heavy rains in southern China kill 18, leave 4 missing

**BEIJING (AP)**—Heavy storms that swept through several southern Chinese provinces this past week killed 18 people and left four more missing. The storms have dumped more than 20 centimeters (nearly 8 inches) of rainfall in 48 hours on some towns,

toppled thousands of homes, and dislocated tens of thousands of residents, the Ministry of Civil Affairs said Friday. The deaths were caused by house collapses, landslides, drowning or lightning. Hubei province, where heaviest rainfalls were recorded, reported the highest death toll of 10. The local civil affairs agency said 664,000 people were affected. In the neighboring province of Hunan, the storms affected 527,000 people. Another five people were reported dead in the municipality of Chongqing. Guizhou province reported two deaths, and one person died in Anhui province. Authorities were also trying to dispose of nearly 17,000 pigs that drowned in heavy rain in the southwest region of Guangxi.

# World

## State of fear: Survivors tell of life under IS rule

**ESKI MOSUL, Iraq (AP)**—When the Islamic State fighters burst into the Iraqi village of Eski Mosul, Sheikh Abdullah Ibrahim knew his wife was in trouble.

Buthaina Ibrahim was an outspoken human rights advocate who had once run for the provincial council in Mosul. The IS fighters demanded she apply for a "repentance card." Under the rule of the extremist group, all former police officers, soldiers and people whose activities are deemed "heretical" must sign the card and carry it with them at all times.

"She said she'd never stoop so low," her husband said.

Buthaina Ibrahim was an outlier in her defiance of the Islamic State. It would cost her dearly.

The "caliphate," declared a year ago, demands obedience. Untold numbers have been killed because they were deemed dangerous to the IS, or insufficiently pious; 5-8 million endure a regime



In this May 26, 2015 photo, Bilal Abdullah poses for a portrait in the village of Eski Mosul in northern Iraq, nearly a year after Islamic State militants took over the village.

that has swiftly turned their world upside down, extending its control into every corner of life to enforce its own radical interpretation of Islamic law, or Shariah.

The Islamic State is a place where men douse themselves with cologne to hide the odor of forbidden cigarettes; where taxi drivers or motorists usually play the IS radio station, since music can get a

driver 10 lashes; where women must be entirely covered, in black, and in flat-soled shoes; where shops must close during Muslim prayers, and everyone found outdoors must attend.

There is no safe way out. People vanish—their disappearance sometimes explained by an uninformative death certificate, or worse, a video of their beheading.

## Italian prosecutors seek to indict Bank of China, 297 people

**ROME (AP)**—Italian prosecutors are seeking to indict 297 people and the Bank of China in connection with a massive money-laundering investigation reported by The Associated Press earlier this month.

The suspects, mostly Chinese migrants living in Italy, include four senior managers of the Chinese state bank's branch in Milan. According to prosecutors, at least some of the suspects used Mafia-like techniques, including intimidation, the ANSA news agency reported Saturday.

The case highlights the large underground Chinese economy in Europe and the failure of judicial and legal cooperation to

keep pace with the economic ties, both legal and illegal, that bind China with the West.

Prosecutors said more than 4.5 billion euros (\$5.1 billion) in proceeds from counterfeiting, prostitution, labor exploitation and tax evasion was sent to China in less than four years using a money-transfer service part-owned by Chinese migrants. Nearly half that money was funneled through the Bank of China, which in turn earned over 758,000 euros in commissions, according to Italian investigative documents. Prosecutors said the money had been fractioned into small sums to avoid detection and that the bank's management and audit

staff failed to report suspicious transactions, helping conceal the source and destination of the funds.

Beijing, which is seeking Western help in hunting its own economic fugitives, did not cooperate with the investigation, Italian officials said. Once the money left Italy, it effectively vanished. Italian police were unable to continue their investigation in China, but the AP was able to track some of the missing money to a large government-controlled import-export company that has been accused of repeatedly shipping counterfeit merchandise, some of it to the United States.

## WikiLeaks reveals Saudi intrigue and unpaid limo bills

**ISTANBUL (AP)**—At the Saudi Embassy in Tehran, diplomats talked about airing the grievances of disenfranchised local youth using Facebook and Twitter. At the embassy in Khartoum, they reported anxiously on Iran's military aid to Sudan.

Meanwhile, the Saudi mission in Geneva got stuck dealing with a multi-million dollar limo bill racked up by a Saudi princess and her entourage.

The incidents are mentioned in diplomatic documents published Friday by WikiLeaks, only the first batch of what the transparency group says will be a much larger release. But they've already provided

an unusual level of insight into day-to-day Saudi diplomacy—giving a snapshot of the lavish spending habits of senior royals and the political intrigue percolating across the Middle East.

WikiLeaks so far has published roughly 60,000 documents, of which The Associated Press only has been able to authenticate a handful. But the organization has a long track record of hosting large leaks of government material and in a statement released late Saturday the Saudi government acknowledged its diplomatic servers had been penetrated ahead of the mass disclosure.

Many of the documents

reviewed by the AP appear aimed at tracking Iranian activity across the region or undermining Tehran's interests. An undated memo apparently sent from the Saudi Embassy in Tehran made note of what it called the "frustration of the Iranian citizen and his strong desire for regime change" and suggested ways to publicly expose Iran's social grievances through "the Internet, social media like Facebook and Twitter." It also suggests "hosting opposition figures overseas, coordinating with them and encouraging them to use galleries to show pictures of torture carried by the Iranian regime against people."

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Death toll from tainted liquor in Mumbai reaches 92

**MUMBAI, India (AP)**—Eight more people died in Mumbai from drinking tainted liquor, raising the death toll to 92 in the worst such incident in India in more than a decade, police said Sunday. The eight men died late Saturday, three days after drinking the cheap liquor in Malvani, in Mumbai's Malad suburb. Around two dozen others were being treated in hospitals, including 10 in critical condition. Eight officers and constables of the Malvani police station have been suspended on charges of connivance and negligence. Devendra Fadnavis, the top elected official of Maharashtra state, of which Mumbai is the capital,



## Focus

# World shocked at enduring racism, gun violence in US

**BEIJING (AP)**—Often the target of U.S. human rights accusations, China wasted little time returning such charges following the shooting at a historic black church in South Carolina that left nine people dead. Elsewhere around the world, the attack renewed perceptions that Americans have too many guns and have yet to overcome racial tensions.

Some said the attack reinforced their reservations about personal security in the U.S.—particularly as a non-white foreigner—while others said they'd still feel safe if they were to visit.

Especially in Australia and northeast Asia, where firearms are strictly controlled and gun violence almost unheard of, many were baffled by the determination among many Americans to own guns despite repeated mass shootings, such as the 2012 tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, where a gunman killed 20 children and six adults.

"We don't understand America's need for guns," said Philip Alpers, director of the University of Sydney's GunPolicy.org project that compares gun laws across the world. "It is very puzzling for non-Americans."

A frontier nation like the U.S., Australia had a similar attitude toward firearms prior to a 1996 mass shooting that killed 35. Soon after, tight restrictions on gun ownership were imposed and no such incidents have been reported since.

A similar effect has been seen elsewhere.

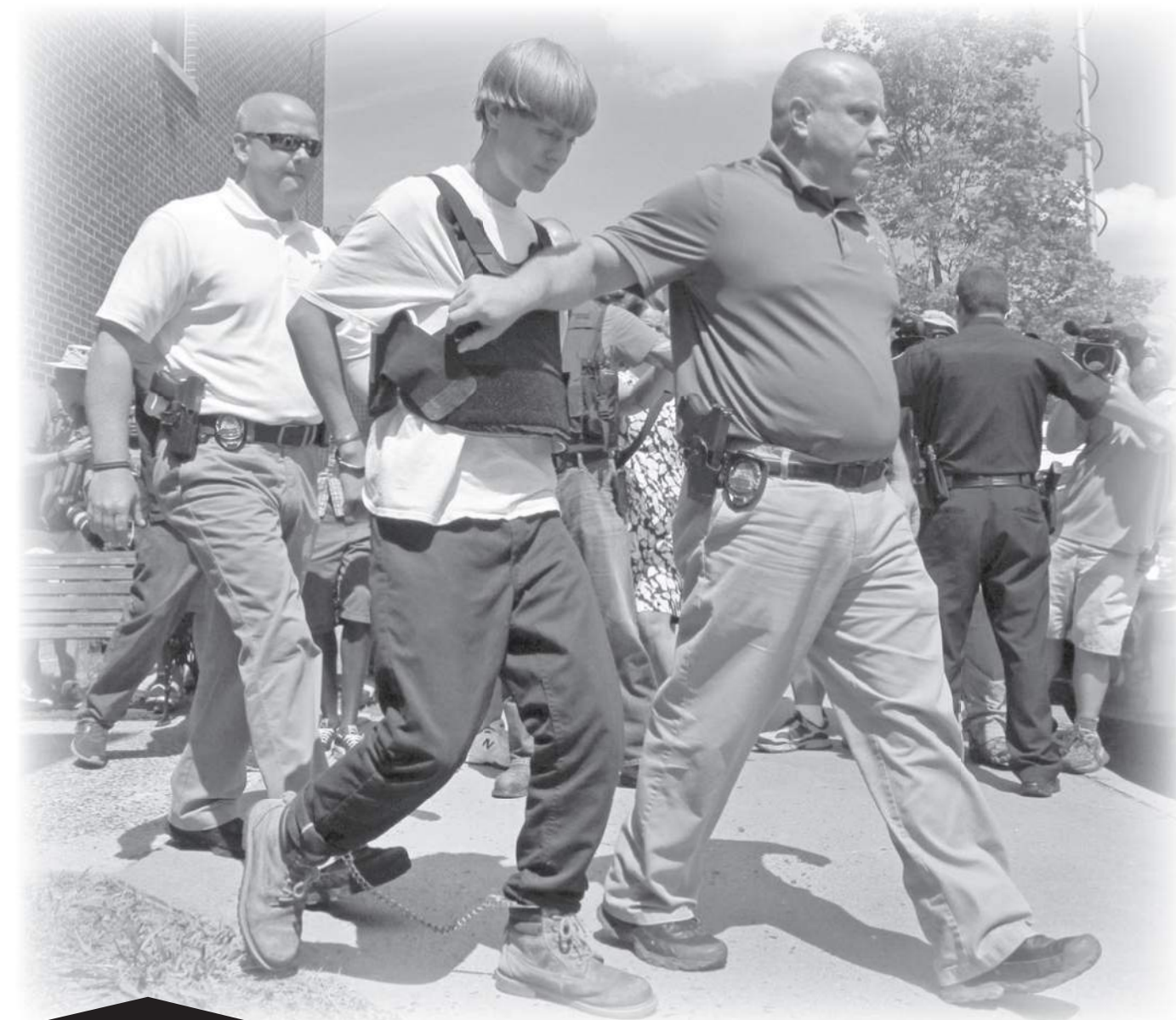
"The USA is completely out of step with the rest of the world. We've tightened our gun laws and have seen a reduction," said Claire Taylor, the director of media and public relations at Gun Free South Africa.

Ahmad Syafi'i Maarif, a prominent Indonesian intellectual and former leader of Muhammadiyah, one of the country's largest Muslim organizations, said the church shooting shocked many.

"People all over the world believed that racism had gone from the U.S. when Barack Obama was elected to lead the superpower, twice," he said. "But the Charleston shooting has reminded us that in fact, the seeds of racism still remain and were embedded in the hearts of small communities there, and can explode at any time, like a terrorist act by an individual."

A 21-year-old white man, Dylann Storm Roof, now faces nine counts of murder for the South Carolina shooting. An acquaintance said Roof had complained that "blacks were taking over the world."

Many places around the world struggle with racism and prejudice against outsid-



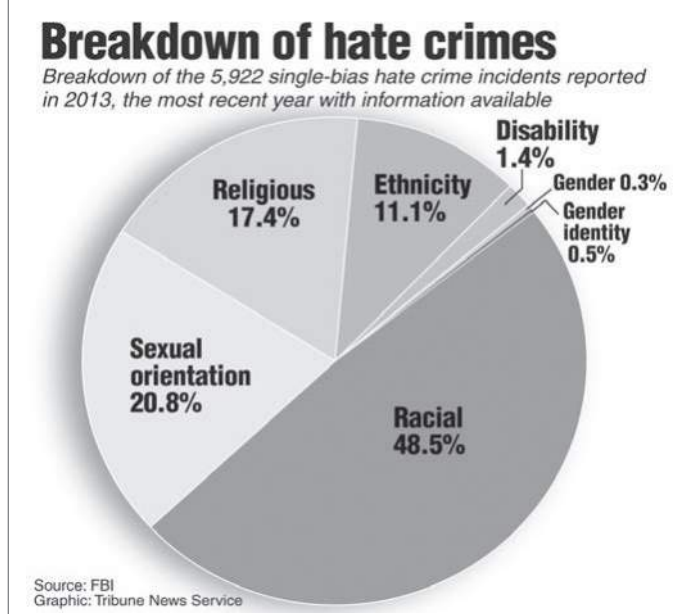
**AP**  
Charleston, S.C., shooting suspect Dylann Storm Roof, second from left, is escorted from the Shelby Police Department in Shelby, N.C., Thursday, June 18, 2015. Roof is a suspect in the shooting of several people Wednesday night at the historic Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C.

ers, but mass shootings in the U.S., where the Constitution's second amendment protects the right to keep and bear arms, often receive widespread global attention.

"Guns are in their constitution," said Joanna Leung, a 34-year-old Toronto resident. "I'm pretty sure no one else has anything similar. I never understand why they think gun violence is going to solve anything."

In Britain, the attack reinforced the view that America has too many guns and too many racists. The front-page headline of The Independent newspaper said simply, "America's shame."

The newspaper said in an editorial that America seems to have moved backward in racial relations since Obama's



election, and that the "obscene proliferation of guns only magnifies tragedies" like the church shooting.

The leftist Mexico City newspaper La Jornada said the U.S. has become a "structurally violent state" where force is frequently used domestically and internationally to resolve differences.

"In this context, the unchecked and even paranoid citizen armament is no coincidence: Such a phenomenon reflects the feeling of extensive

sectors about the supposed legitimacy of violent methods," it said.

In China, the official Xinhua News Agency said the violence in South Carolina "mirrors the U.S. government's inaction on rampant gun violence as well as the growing racial hatred in the country."

"Unless U.S. President Barack Obama's government really reflects on his country's deep-rooted issues like racial discrimination and social inequality and takes concrete ac-

tions on gun control, such tragedy will hardly be prevented from happening again," Xinhua said in an editorial.

On China's Twitter-like Weibo microblogging service, some users compared the United States to lawless Somalia and said racial discrimination was fueling violence and high crime rates. Many reflected the official view that gun ownership and violent crime are byproducts of Western-style democratic freedoms that are not only unsuited to China but potentially disastrous.

Recalling the recent killings of Chinese and other foreign students in the U.S., office worker Xie Yan said he was still eager to visit the U.S., but would be "extremely careful" there.

Xie said he had heard much about racism in the U.S., but was uncertain about the underlying dynamics.

"We tend to see the U.S. as a violent place, but I don't think we understand a lot about racism there. Chinese are free to study, visit and live there so it doesn't feel like we're discriminated against," Xu said while waiting for a train on Beijing's busy subway line 1.

Like Australia, China has had its problems with racial and ethnic discrimination. China is overwhelmingly dominated by one ethnic group, the Han, and activists decry the lack of awareness about discrimination in jobs and housing faced by minorities such as Tibetans and Turkic Muslim Uighurs from the northwest.

Chinese police have been accused of heavy-handed tactics against those labeled separatists or terrorists, although such measures appear to be supported by most Chinese.

In Japan, discrimination tends to be based less on skin color than on national origin, resulting in biases against Chinese and Koreans, said Hiroko Takimoto, 41, a patent attorney in Tokyo.

Racially motivated killings are "simply something Japanese as a people cannot understand," she said.

Yukari Kato, vice president of the company Ryugaku Journal that assists Japanese students on overseas programs, including about 2,000 in the U.S., said violence there was nothing new and most of the country remained perfectly safe.

"It's no different from Japan. There are places where you can become a victim of crime. You just have to be prepared to defend yourself," she said.

However, Yuka Christine Koshino, 21, a political science student at Tokyo's Keio University, said she was devastated by the shootings, particularly after having participated in racism awareness campaigns while studying at the University of California, Berkeley. Those interactions had given her hope that the situation was improving. The shootings "shocked me," said Koshino.

Chairman of the Philippine Alliance of Human Rights Advocates Max de Mesa shared the sentiment of civil rights activists in South Carolina who pointed out that the Confederate battle flag, the symbol of the pro-slavery South during the Civil War, continued to fly over the state even as it mourned.

"Some of the (old) structures and some of the attitudes remain and they were even nurtured, at least that is being shown now," de Mesa said.

"That would be no different from a suicide bomber," he said. "For a jihadist, 'I will be with Allah if I do that.' The other says, 'I am proving white supremacy here.'"

Indonesian intellectual Syafi'i Maarif said he hoped the incident would help Americans stop equating terrorism with Islam.

"Terrorism and radicalism can appear in every strata of society under various guises and in the name of ethnicity, religion and race," he said.



# Health & Fitness

## Fitness trackers are hot, but do they really help?

By **MARLEY JAY**  
AP BUSINESS WRITER

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Sales of fitness trackers are climbing, and the biggest maker of the gadgets, Fitbit, made a splashy debut on the stock market Thursday. But will the devices really help you get healthier?

Experts agree that getting people to set goals—and then reminding them of the goals—absolutely works, and the wearable devices are built to do that. But evidence people get healthier when using fitness trackers is limited because they are new and studies of them have mostly been small or focused on specific groups of people.

Strapped to your wrist, shoe, or clothes, fitness trackers can grab a lot of data: how many steps you've taken, where you've run, how many calories you've burned, how fast your heart is beating, how much oxygen you've got in your blood, and how well you're sleeping. They can be synched with smartphones, apps and scales. They can quantify how active you are, and it's satisfying to set a goal, reach it, and see if you can do better.

That might be why fitness trackers are one of the first types of wearable technology to really take off. International Data Corp. says more than

11 million of the devices were sold in the first quarter of this year, triple sales from a year ago. Fitbit's product sales doubled and revenue nearly tripled in 2014.

Let's say you're determined to get more sleep. If you use the "Today I Will" feature on Jawbone's Up tracker, you push a button that says "I'm in," committing to your goal. The device will send you a reminder an hour before you're supposed to go to bed. If you're not meeting your sleep goals, it'll remind you about that, too.

"Millennials seem to be wired for this kind of data, this kind of feedback," says Dr. Jason Mendoza, who is running small studies to see if the devices will help teenagers.

In one of the few completed clinical trials of fitness trackers, Dr. Lisa Cadmus-Bertram found that overweight middle-aged and older women who used a Fitbit got about an hour of additional exercise a week. A group of women who were given pedometers didn't improve.

Cadmus-Bertram thinks that if the women had received more support they might have experienced even bigger gains. But the study involved a specific group of women - they were around 60 years old, white and affluent. And they still didn't reach the activity goals that experts recommend.



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In this Dec. 15, 2014 file photo, fitness trackers, from left, Basis Peak, Adidas Fit Smart, Fitbit Charge, Sony SmartBand, and Jawbone Move, are posed for a photo next to an iPhone, in New York. Sales of fitness trackers are climbing, and the biggest maker of the gadgets, Fitbit, made a splashy debut on the stock market Thursday, June 18, 2015.

The results were published in American Journal of Preventive Medicine this month. Cadmus-Bertram is preparing to launch additional studies on Garmin's Vivofit tracker and plans to test the LED-based heartbeat sensors in some activity trackers to see if their measurements are accurate. She said it's hard for researchers to keep

up with the pace of innovation and new features to determine if they are really useful.

But even if the trackers' benefits prove hard to quantify, experts say they may do some real good because they could change the way people think about their own habits and their approach to health. Dr. Julie Wang,

who has also studied the devices, said public health experts have been trying to get people to monitor their health for years, and by encouraging people to set and meet goals, fitness trackers might actually get them to do it.

Mendoza and other researchers say the devices are probably most effective if they're one piece of a health regimen, combined with other tools like coaching.

Dr. Daniel Neides of the Cleveland Clinic says a simple Pebble+ fitness tracker helped him get in the best shape of his life. And Neides says he's not alone: the clinic started offering the devices to employees in 2013 in a program intended to reduce its costs. Employees who met step-counting or activity goals could save about \$2,000 a year in out-of-pocket health care spending.

Neides said the program reduced medication costs, emergency room visits and hospitalizations, and sick days. He said the clinic had tried a similar program without fitness trackers, but it didn't work very well.

"Human nature indicates that for a lot of us, we just need a gentle nudge in the right direction," he said. "I look at it like a report card. I have a goal. I want to get an A. For me, getting an A is hitting 10,000 steps every single day."

### DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

*In Loving Memory of*

**MSGT ROBERT B. WOODRUFF**

*"Woody"*

U.S.M.C Ret.

July 11, 1936 — June 13, 2015

*Survived by:*

Spouse: Junping "Didi" Woodruff  
Children: Kathy I. Woodruff, Robert B. Woodruff, Jr., Lisa D. Woodruff  
Step Daughter: Yi Jun Ren Zhou (Ann)  
Daughter In Law: Kimberly Woodruff  
Grandchildren: David Heath, Ashley Mullins, Tyler Woodruff  
Brother: Lloyd H. Woodruff, James T. Woodruff  
Sisters-In-Law: Joan Woodruff, Roxanna Woodruff

*He is also survived by numerous great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.*

On Tuesday, June 23, 2015 viewing will be at Borja Funeral Home  
from 8:30AM - 9:30AM.

Interment will be at Veterans Cemetery in Marpi at 10:00AM.

*Thank you.*

*Junping "Didi" Woodruff & Family*





## Life & Style

**NEW DELHI (AP)**—Millions of yoga enthusiasts bent and twisted their bodies in complex postures across India and much of the world on Sunday to mark the first International Yoga Day.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who had lobbied the U.N. to declare June 21 as the global Yoga Day, spread his mat among rows of people, including his Cabinet members and foreign diplomats, at New Delhi's main thoroughfare that has been transformed into one sprawling exercise ground.

Tens of thousands of schoolchildren, bureaucrats, homemakers, soldiers and ordinary folk took part in the exercise, which was repeated in all Indian state capitals. In Modi's home state of Gujarat, public yoga events were organized at nearly 30,000 places, state officials said.

"We are not only celebrating a day, but we are training the human mind to begin a new era of peace and harmony," Modi told participants. "This is a program for the benefit of mankind, for a tension-free world and to spread the message of harmony."

In Taipei, more than 2,000 participants rolled out mats and performed 108 rounds of the "sun salutation"—the sequence of yoga poses often practiced at the beginning of a routine as the sun rises.

"They give themselves a piece of time to observe their mind and their heart, which I think in the modern society we need a lot," said practitioner Angela Hsi.

Fazel Shah, an Indian pilot working for a Middle Eastern airline, rushed from the airport on his stopover in Taiwan to

# Millions across India, world bend and twist in 1st Yoga Day



Indians perform yoga on Rajpath, in New Delhi, India, Sunday, June 21, 2015. Millions of yoga enthusiasts are bending their bodies in complex postures across India as they take part in a mass yoga program to mark the first International Yoga Day.

join the event.

"Isn't it awesome? I mean, just look at the number of people who are here, embracing it," he said.

He said yoga was probably born in India but belongs anywhere. "If you go up from where I am and look from the sky down, you don't see borders, you don't see religions, you don't see nationalities, you

just see one group of people. So, I just go down and meet up with them, that's all."

Similar events were held in Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, Seoul, Beijing, Manila and other places.

Many believe that yoga, the ancient form of exercise, is the best way to calm the mind and the best form of exercise for

the body.

Indian officials said more than 35,000 people participated in the New Delhi event that was also an attempt to set a Guinness World Record for the largest single yoga class at a single venue. Guinness representatives said they hired more than 1,500 members of a global accounting firm to count the number of par-

ticipants at the Delhi venue.

India's Defense Ministry said

that soldiers on the Siachen Glacier, the world's highest battleground in the Himalayas, and naval cadets on navy ships at sea also would be participating in the Yoga Day events.

Although Modi's message was one of peace and harmony, many in India were concerned that the push for yoga was an attempt by Hindu groups to give a boost to Hinduism.

In the run-up to Yoga Day, many Muslims objected to the government's exhortations to join in the public exercise programs. Some Muslim leaders said yoga was a Hindu practice.

The government quickly dropped a plan for the "sun salutation" exercise, which many Muslims found objectionable because it implied the sun was a deity. Also dropped was the Hindu "om" chant.

Some Christian groups were upset that the mass yoga sessions were being held at a time when they usually attend Sunday Mass.

Others were skeptical about the time and money spent by the government on Yoga Day.

"The government organizes these hyped-up events," said Sumita Rani, a primary school teacher in South Delhi. "Last year was the Clean India Campaign. What came of it? This city is as filthy as ever."

## Ton of ivory crushed in Times Square to highlight poaching

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Over a ton of confiscated ivory tumbled off a conveyor belt into a rock crusher in Times Square on Friday in a symbolic display highlighting an illegal trade that activists say threatens the survival of African elephants.

The Wildlife Conservation Society says the global ivory trade is responsible for the slaughter of as many as 35,000 elephants a year in Africa.

"Crushing ivory in Times Square—literally at the crossroads of the world—says in the clearest of terms that the U.S. is serious about closing its illegal ivory markets and stopping the demand," said John Calvelli, the society's executive vice president for public affairs.

U.S. and state government officials, conservationists, animal-welfare advocates and tourists

gathered to watch as hundreds of ivory trinkets were turned into a powder that fed into a trough, waiting to be trucked away.

The event was organized by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New York state agencies and the Wildlife Conservation Society, which runs New York City's zoos.

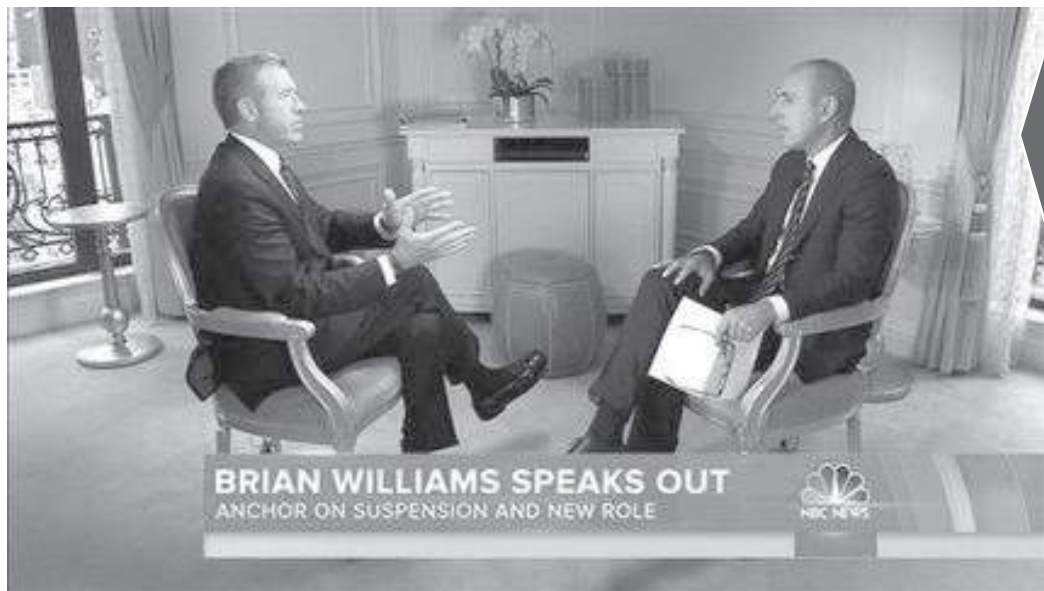
Actress Kristen Davis, a longtime advocate for elephants known for her role in the HBO show "Sex and the City," said at the event no one should ever buy ivory even if a dealer says it's an antique.

"We are going to lose elephants in 10 years if we don't do something, which means that our children will never know that elephants roamed the planet in the wild as they should," Davis said.



U.S. Fish and Wildlife stand next to a conveyor belt with confiscated illegal ivory to be crushed in an effort to halt elephant poaching and ivory trafficking, Friday, June 19, 2015 at Times Square in New York.

## Brian Williams' rehabilitation efforts begin Friday



In this image from video released by NBC News, former anchor of "Nightly News" Brian Williams, left, speaks during an interview with Matt Lauer which aired on the "Today" show, and will air on the "Nightly News," Friday, June 19, 2015.

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Brian Williams said the months since his suspension from NBC News had been like torture, and a come-clean interview with colleague Matt Lauer on the "Today" show must surely have felt like an extension.

The humbled anchorman told Lauer in an interview that aired Friday that he let his ego get the better of him in telling stories that exaggerated his role

in news reporting and that he intends to make the most of his second chance. But he admitted he had trouble accepting his punishment—being stripped of his job as "Nightly News" anchor and assigned to reporting news at MSNBC—although he's now come to terms with it.

By the end of Friday's televised portion of the interview, a line of perspiration ran down Williams' face.

He said he was always careful with his words on the job, but "after work, when I got out of that building, when I got out of that realm, I used a double standard. Something changed. I was sloppy. I said things that weren't true."

He was suspended for falsely saying that a helicopter he flew in while reporting on the Iraq War in 2003 had been hit by enemy fire, although a subsequent NBC investigation turned up

other incidents of embellishment, most during talk show appearances. NBC hasn't released its internal report on what it found, and Williams declined to address other incidents in the interview.

On the Iraq incident, he noted: "I told that story correctly for years before I told it incorrectly. I was not trying to mislead people. That to me is a huge difference."

Asked by Lauer whether he knew when he told the story on "Nightly News" that it was untrue, Williams said no. "It came from a bad place," he said. "It came from a sloppy choice of words. I told stories that were not true over the years, looking back it is very clear. I never intended to. It got mixed up. It just turned around in my mind."



# Angelina Jolie: We're living in era of 'mass displacement'



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U.S. actress Angelina Jolie, Special Envoy of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, listens to a question during a news conference following a visit to the Midyat refugee camp in Mardin, southeastern Turkey, near the Syrian border, Saturday, June 20, 2015.

**MARDIN, Turkey (AP)**—After visiting a camp for Syrian refugees in southeastern Turkey on Saturday, actress Angelina Jolie said the world is living through an era of mass displacement.

Jolie, reading from a prepared speech alongside United Nations High Commissioner on Refugees Antonio Guterres, told journalists that “never before have so many people been dispossessed or stripped of their human rights.”

Jolie’s visit is the latest in a series of visits to Turkey as part of her work as the UNHCR’s spe-

cial envoy. It is meant to bring attention to the plight of refugees, whose number has reached a record 60 million worldwide, according to the U.N.

As numbers increase, many countries are scrambling to find ways to close their doors to the new arrivals. Hungary recently announced plans to build a 4-meter (13-foot) high fence on the border with Serbia to stop the flow of migrants from Asia and Africa, and anti-immigrant sentiment has flared elsewhere in Europe.

Jolie spoke of the problem in general terms.

“People are running out of places to run to,” she said, emphasizing “the need to be open and tolerant to people ... who may not be able to return home.”

Turkey now officially hosts the world’s largest refugee community—about 1.6 million, according to the latest U.N. figures. As the war in neighboring Syria rages into its fifth year, the flow shows no sign of abating.

“We don’t know how many more will be coming,” said Fuat Oktay, the chief of Turkey’s disaster and emergency agency. “There’s a huge risk that the number might increase.”

## ‘Boyhood’ director Linklater loses appeal over film mementos

**AUSTIN, Texas (AP)**—“Boyhood” director Richard Linklater again has lost in a lawsuit against his insurance company over what he says was \$500,000 in property and film memorabilia destroyed by Texas wildfires in 2011.

A Texas appeals court this

week upheld an earlier ruling against Linklater, who lost old scripts, videos and memorabilia from “Dazed and Confused” and his other films in the massive blaze. The Golden Globe winner had used a storage building in Bastrop County as a personal archive for his career.

Truck Insurance Company denied Linklater’s claim on the basis that the storage building was not covered by the filmmaker’s policy.

The deadly 2011 wildfires near Austin scorched more than 32,000 acres and destroyed more than 1,600 homes.

## Kim Kardashian’s spot on public radio show angers listeners



**CHICAGO (AP)**—An appearance by Kim Kardashian on the National Public Radio show “Wait Wait ... Don’t Tell Me!” has angered some listeners.

NPR received hundreds of complaints about last week’s episode of the humorous quiz show. Kardashian was in a segment called “Not My Job,” in which she answered questions

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In this April 15, 2015, file photo, Kim Kardashian attends a photocall to launch hair products in Paris.

about North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. She answered two of three questions correctly.

But many listeners were outraged that she was on the Chicago-based show. Some have threatened to stop donating to the nonprofit NPR.

In a response posted on NPR’s website, ombudsman Elizabeth Jenson said she wasn’t sure what to make of the outrage over Kardashian’s 11-minute appearance. She said while Kardashian wasn’t a great guest, “she was gracious” and had a couple of funny lines.

## Will Ferrell, Kristen Wiig in deadly dull ‘Deadly Adoption’

**NEW YORK (AP)**—The Lifetime movie that Will Ferrell and Kristen Wiig denied would ever happen aired Saturday night—and their denial is now easy to understand. It was lousy.

Or, if nothing else, it aired on the wrong network. It belonged on Comedy Central.

It’s hard to fathom what Ferrell, Wiig and their co-conspirators on “A Deadly Adoption” had in mind: Was it a misbegotten homage to the cheesy melodramas Lifetime specializes in, or an extended “Saturday Night

Live” spoof mocking Lifetime on its own airwaves?

Who could tell?

Who cares?

Certainly the people responsible for “Deadly” weren’t explaining. In fact, they seemed to want to air this trifle without anyone noticing.

A few weeks ago, Ferrell and Wiig announced they were abandoning plans for what they termed a “secret” project after its existence was leaked to the public. The implication: Their anticipated

film, having been exposed, was being scrapped.

Too bad it wasn’t. But Lifetime swiftly acknowledged the film was safely in the can and would be broadcast in the not-too-distant future. Why its stars lied to their fans was never clarified.

The film was not made available for preview (no wonder), nor did anyone associated with it submit to an interview.

What Wiig and Ferrell did do was inflate with their inarguable star power an otherwise negligible story, inspired by a real-life story, which doesn’t save it from being cliché: An expectant mother loses her child in a ridiculous mishap and, unable to get pregnant again, she and her husband welcome a pregnant young woman (Jessica Lowndes) into their household in the hopes of adopting her unborn child.

The new arrival (the pregnant woman, that is) presents herself as a winsome goody-two-shoes but is also, of course, a psycho-seductress with her eye on Ferrell’s rich, successful author.



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In this screengrab released by Lifetime, Kristin Wiig appears in a scene from “A Deadly Adoption,” premiering Saturday, June 20 at 8 p.m. ET on Lifetime.

## Pro athlete can't be good sport about free tickets

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a dilemma. Last year my son became a professional in his sport, and he has recently become famous. Since then, everyone is asking for tickets to games because they want in on the action. I treated one relative who lives near me to a game with her son, and now her sister (with whom I've had very little contact) is saying she follows the games and would love to attend.

My son gets tickets, but they are not free and they do cost him something. It's becoming very stressful for him. Friends and family from all over now ask him for tickets. I don't want to impose upon him for other than immediate family.

How do I tactfully tell these people that I won't ask? I don't want it to sound like HE doesn't want to do it. I want it to come from a concerned mom who simply doesn't get tickets for everyone, so they need to go online and buy them like normal people do.

PROFESSIONAL DILEMMA

**DEAR P.D.:** These people may not realize they are being presumptuous. Tell them frankly, the same way you explained it to me, that the tickets aren't free to the players. These people may not be aware of it, and it should bring them back to reality.

**DEAR ABBY:** A good friend of mine began having trouble in her marriage of 16 years. She has been coming to me for advice.

Her husband has grown distant and refuses physical interaction. He speaks to her as if he is always irritated with her.

The reason she seeks my advice is because I'm going through a divorce and my husband exhibited the same signs. I have tried to give her the best advice I can, but now she's implying that her husband is attracted to me! It makes me very uncomfortable since I haven't done anything wrong. What should I do?

WALKING ON EGGSHELLS

**DEAR WALKING ON EGGSHELLS:** Your friend is an emotional wreck right now. Because her husband hasn't given her the reason he is emotionally abusing her, she's desperately looking for a reason. A step in the right direction would be to assure her that you are not, never were, and never will be attracted to her husband. Then suggest that she may need more support than you can give her and she might find it helpful to talk to a professional counselor.

**DEAR ABBY:** I was an invited guest at a dinner party along with a few other couples. During conversation, one of the guests mean-spiritedly used the N-word twice. I was appalled. Because it was not my home, I said nothing.

Please tell me how I could have handled this to let the bigot know this wasn't acceptable and was just plain wrong. I no longer

## DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
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respect this person, and I'm not sure I want to associate with him or even be in his company again.

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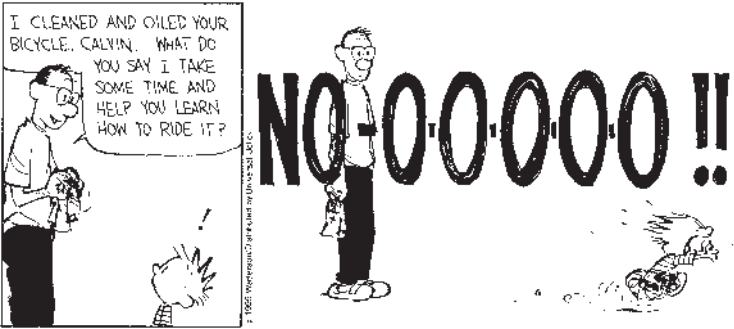
**DEAR SHOULD HAVE SPOKEN UP:** If you choose to avoid the person, that's your privilege and it's fine with me. There's a saying, "All that's needed for evil to flourish is for good people to say nothing." It would not have been rude to have said, "Please don't use that word around me, because I find it offensive."

For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more sociable person, order "How to Be Popular." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)



Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

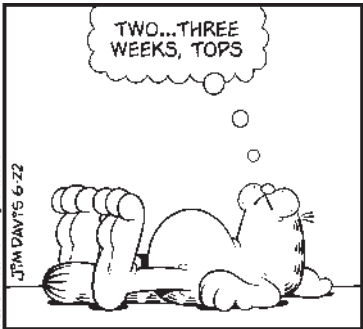
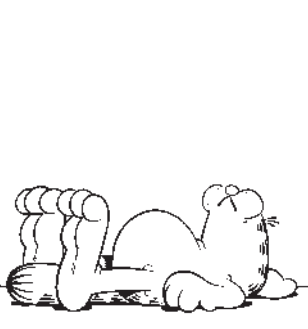


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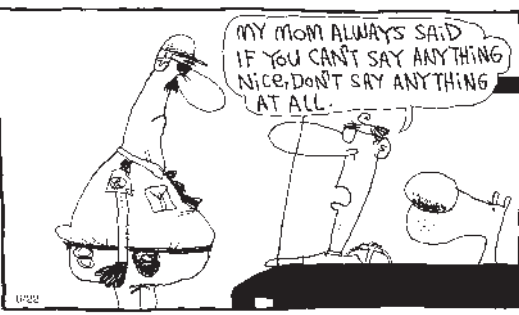
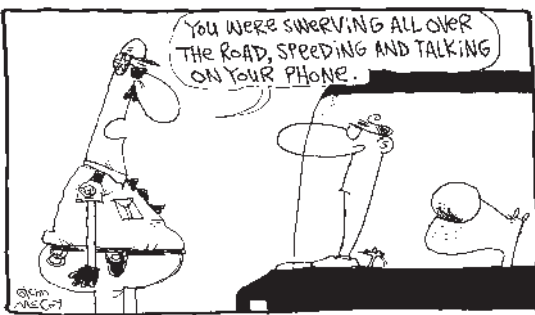
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Friday's answer 6-22

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Car-son Daly, 42; Cyndi Lauper, 62; Meryl Streep, 66; Todd Rundgren, 67.

**Happy Birthday:** Listen to your inner voice. Emotional matters will escalate this year if you don't take charge and contain each situation that arises. Keep your personal information a secret and you will avoid being criticized or having your reputation tarnished. Allot more time and effort to do the things that will help you grow intellectually and be more appealing physically. Your numbers are 8, 13, 20, 27, 33, 37, 41.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Take care of unfinished business before someone complains. It will free up your time so that you can do the things you enjoy. Shop for an updated wardrobe and a new look. Love is high-lighted. \*\*\*

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Young-sters in the family will offer an interesting perspective on a situation you face. Share your emotions and express what you want to do with your life. Picking up a new hobby or skill will offer incentives to make money. \*\*\*\*\*

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tion. Seek out what's best for you and take an inno-vative approach to getting what you want. \*\*\*\*

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**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Keep a low profile to avoid being singled out. A problem will arise if you mix business with pleasure. Stick close to home and work on projects that will allow you to be unique, creative and use your imagination. \*\*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Emotional blackmail is apparent, espe-cially when discussing situations with friends, neighbors and relatives. Don't divulge too much information. If you listen, someone will disclose pertinent facts. Romance and travel are encouraged. \*\*

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**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A per-sonal investment will tempt you. Don't make a decision based on a sales pitch. Someone will withhold information that can lead to a costly mistake. Avoid making an impulsive move. Act on facts as well as what you can real-istically afford. \*\*\*\*\*

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Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

Difficulty Level ★

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# An epic effort from Day for 4-way tie at US Open

**UNIVERSITY PLACE, Wash.** (AP)—The toughest test in golf met one tough player Saturday at the U.S. Open.

Jason Day had every reason to withdraw when he collapsed on the final hole of his second round with a nasty bout of vertigo. He gave it his best shot under the stiffest conditions yet at Chambers Bay. The vertigo returned on the back nine, along with nausea. When he turned his head toward the target, he had to wait for his eyes to stop dancing before he could swing. He thought about quitting three times.

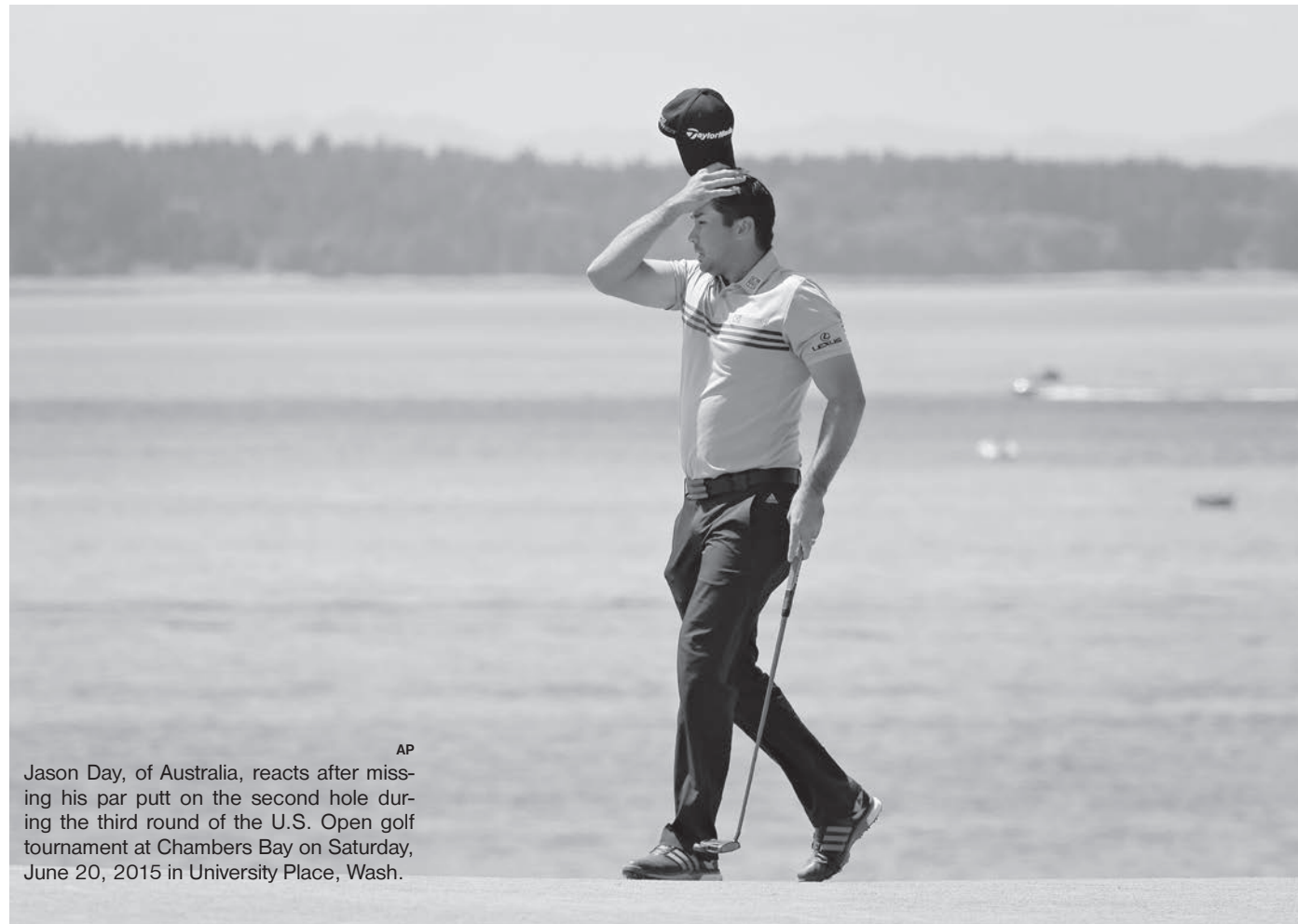
And it was worth it.

With three birdies on the last four holes, Day staggered off the course with a 2-under 68 and his name atop the leaderboard. He was part of a four-way tie with Masters champion Jordan Spieth, Dustin Johnson and Branden Grace of South Africa.

One day after his collapse, Day was standing taller than ever.

"That was the greatest round I've ever watched," said Colin Swatton, his caddie and longtime coach who whispered words of encouragement along the hilly terrain of Chambers Bay. "I said, 'You've got the heart of a lion. You get to show the world today you get to be the greatest you can be and look, let's do it.' And he just put his head down and kept walking, one foot in front of the other. It was pretty impressive."

And now he gets to play in the final group of a major for the first time.



AP  
Jason Day, of Australia, reacts after missing his par putt on the second hole during the third round of the U.S. Open golf tournament at Chambers Bay on Saturday, June 20, 2015 in University Place, Wash.

All it took was a performance that brought to mind Ken Venturi winning the U.S. Open at Congressional in 1964 with a 36-hole final while suffering from heat exhaustion and severe dehydration, and Tiger Woods winning the U.S. Open at Torrey Pines in 2008 with a shattered left leg.

Day still has one day to go and a course that is getting faster and scarier by the day. And he has plenty of company.

Spieth had four three-putts, missed birdie chances inside 12

feet on the last three holes and still wound up in a tie for the lead with a 71 as he tries to become only the fourth player since 1960 to win the first two legs of the Grand Slam. The others were Woods (2002), Jack Nicklaus (1972) and Arnold Palmer (1960).

"I didn't have my best stuff today but still tied for the lead, and I've had my best stuff at times this week, and I'm pretty sure I know where

it is and how to get it tomorrow and get ready to go," Spieth said.

Johnson gets a fourth shot at his first major. He also wasted good birdie chances with his power—a tee shot that landed on the front of the green at the 372-yard 16th hole (three-putt par) and a big drive on the par-5 18th. He hit 3-iron into a bunker and made par for a 70.

Johnson also was in position to

win the 2010 U.S. Open at Pebble Beach, the 2010 PGA Championship at Whistling Straits and the 2011 British Open.

"I've been in the situation a few times, so I know how to handle myself," he said. "I know what it takes to get it done. And tomorrow I just need to go out there and focus one shot at a time. And we'll see what happens."

Grace overcame a rough patch in the middle of his round—three bogeys in five holes—and shot a 70. The leaders were

at 4-under 206.

Day chose not to speak to the media out of sheer exhaustion. He offered a few comments to a USGA official, and then headed to his motor home to lie down.

"I didn't feel that great coming out early," said Day, who dropped two shots in his opening four holes to fall as many as seven shots behind at one point. "I felt pretty groggy on the front nine just from the drugs that I had in my system, then kind of flushed that out on the back nine. The vertigo came back a little bit on the 13th tee box, and then felt nauseous all day. I started shaking on 16 tee box and then just tried to get it in, really. Just wanted to get it in."

He said it was worse than the vertigo he suffered last year at Firestone that caused him to withdraw. This time, he kept playing.

"I think the goal was just to go through today and see how it goes," he said.

For everyone else, it was a matter of hanging on.

Spieth holed a pair of 35-foot birdie putts early and stretched his lead to three shots until he gave them back with a pair of three-putts, slapping his knee at the miscues.

"Just need to limit the mistakes tomorrow," he said.

Johnson built a two-shot lead early on the back nine, only to give it back with a double bogey on the 13th hole with a 7-iron into the bunker and three putts. It was his only bad swing of the day. Johnson hit all 14 fairways.

## Brady's legacy faces next step in appeal to Goodell



**FOXBOROUGH, Mass.** (AP)—Tom Brady grew from a sixth-round draft choice into one of the best quarterbacks in NFL history. Off the field, he's a celebrity with a supermodel wife and lucrative marketing deals.

All that has made the New England Patriots superstar the object of admiration and respect to some, jealousy and enmity to others.

On Tuesday, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell hears Brady's appeal of a four-game suspension for using deflated footballs in the AFC championship game.

Goodell's decision upholding, reducing or eliminating the punishment won't likely cause major changes in perceptions of a four-time Super Bowl champion—perceptions enhanced during a stellar 15-year NFL career, yet sullied in one game in which he may have knowingly used deflated footballs.

"He is a guy that I have said for a long time is the best in the business," said Pittsburgh quarterback Ben Roethlis-

berger, who faces the Patriots in the season opener Sept. 10, when Brady's suspension is set to start. "I have a lot of respect for him on the football field."

Buffalo coach Rex Ryan, a longtime nemesis, says Brady's legacy hasn't been tarnished.

"I just know the kind of quarterback that he is and what he's meant to me personally," Ryan said, smiling and sighing about Brady's success against him when he coached the New York Jets. "I've got nothing but respect for the guy."

Companies the boyishly handsome 37-year-old has represented in stylish ads—Under Armour sportswear, UGG footwear, Movado watches—haven't abandoned him.

Under Armour CEO Kevin Plank sat with him at ringside at the Floyd Mayweather-Manny Pacquiao fight May 2 in Las Vegas, where Brady flew by private jet after attending the Kentucky Derby. Less than six weeks later, Plank said at an appearance in Boston, "Tom has our undying support."

On Memorial Day, fans held a "Free Tom Brady" rally in a parking lot outside

Gillette Stadium.

Backers of other NFL teams may not be as supportive.

"People would like to know: yes or no," said Marc Ganis, president of sports business consulting firm SportsCorp. "If it's no, then clear the guy. And if it's yes, then nail him."

The 243-page Wells report issued May 6 said Brady "was at least generally aware" of plans to prepare balls below the NFL-mandated minimum of 12.5 pounds per square inch. Wells defended that in a conference call a few days later.

But in a 16-page report this month, the American Enterprise Institute, a conservative think tank in Washington, said, "The Wells report conclusions are likely incorrect."

Goodell will reach his own conclusions.

"If you're not from the area, the Patriots are an amazingly easy team to hate," said Adam Brasel, an associate professor of marketing at Boston College. "The actual severity of the punishment is not going to change people's perceptions. They've already made up their minds."

## Potential top pick Towns works out for Wolves



**MINNEAPOLIS** (AP)—Kentucky big man Karl-Anthony Towns worked out for the Minnesota Timberwolves on Saturday, less than a week before the Wolves pick first in the NBA draft.

Towns arrived in the Twin Cities on Friday night. He took a tour of the Wolves' new \$25 million practice facility and dined with owner Glen Taylor, President Flip Saunders and several other team officials.

Towns is considered the heavy favorite to be chosen No. 1 overall on Thursday night, and the Wolves are the only team he has worked out for during the pre-draft process.

The visit wrapped up a busy week for the Wolves, who also hosted Duke center Jahliel Okafor, Ohio State guard D'Angelo Russell and point guard Emmanuel Mudiay, who played in China last season, as they mull their options.

Meanwhile, the Atlanta Hawks have agreed to a buyout of the final two years of general manager Danny Ferry's

contract, a person with knowledge of the agreement told The Associated Press on Friday.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the agreement has not been announced. The person said the buyout will be paid by the current ownership group, which has a deal to sell the team for \$850 million to a group led by billionaire businessman Antony Ressler.

Ferry was the lead architect of the Hawks' most successful season. Atlanta won a franchise-record 60 games before losing to Cleveland in its first Eastern Conference final.

Ferry had to watch the successful season from a distance. He has been on an indefinite leave of absence following racially derogatory comments he made last year. More basketball operations responsibilities shifted to coach Mike Budenholzer and Wes Wilcox, an assistant GM under Ferry.

With the buyout, first reported by The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Budenholzer and Wilcox could assume additional responsibilities on a full-time basis.

Ferry, 48, hasn't commented publicly since going on indefinite leave last September. He could not be reached for comment on Friday.

Ferry signed a \$18 million, six-year contract when he was hired from San Antonio in 2012. He hired Budenholzer, a former Spurs assistant, two years ago.

The buyout is expected to be announced by the Hawks before next week's NBA draft. Atlanta hopes to add a potential starter or major role player with the No. 15 pick next Thursday.

Ferry landed in trouble for making inflammatory comments about forward Luol Deng, who was then a free agent, in a conference call with the Hawks' ownership group. Ferry referred to comments in a scouting report when he described Deng as someone who "has a little African in him."

"He's like a guy who would have a nice store out front," Ferry said, "and sell you counterfeit stuff out of the back."

Deng, who is from South Sudan, signed instead with the Miami Heat.



# Scherzer throws no-hitter against Pirates



**WASHINGTON** — Max Scherzer lost his

bid for a perfect game in startling fashion, plunking a batter with two outs in the ninth inning before finishing off a no-hitter Saturday in the Washington Nationals' 6-0 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Scherzer came within one strike of throwing the 22nd perfect game in major league history since 1900. Pinch-hitter Jose Tabata fouled off three 2-2 deliveries, then seemed to slightly drop his elbow and got clipped by Scherzer's slider.

Scherzer immediately grimaced as the ball ricocheted to the ground. The crowd at Nationals Park seemed stunned, too, and surely many wondered whether Tabata had leaned into the 86 mph pitch to get hit. Scherzer (8-5) then retired Josh Harrison on a deep fly to left and was swallowed up by jubilant teammates near the mound. The 30-year-old righty struck out 10.

Francisco Liriano (4-6) took the loss.

## Yankees 14, Tigers 3

In New York, Alex Rodriguez added to his momentous weekend with a homer and five RBI, Carlos Beltran went deep from both sides of the plate and the New York Yankees routed the Detroit Tigers.

Light-hitting Didi Gregorius homered for the second consecutive night and New York banged out a season-best 18 hits on Old-Timers' Day at Yankee Stadium.

Brett Gardner tripled, doubled and singled his first three times up against Alfredo Simon (7-4), sparking the Yankees to a laughter from his leadoff spot. Chris Young homered off backup infielder Josh Wilson in the eighth and finished with three hits.

## Orioles 5, Blue Jays 3

In Toronto, Caleb Joseph singled home the go-ahead run with two outs in the ninth inning and the Baltimore Orioles beat the Blue Jays, ending Toronto's home winning streak at nine games.

With the score 2-all, J.J. Hardy reached on a force play and Ryan Flaherty was hit by a pitch from Aaron Loup (2-4) in the ninth. Joseph snapped an 0-for-9 slump with his single. Ryan Tepera relieved and surrendered a two-run double to Manny Machado.

## White Sox 3, Rangers 2

In Chicago, Carlos Rodon pitched six effective innings and the Chicago White Sox snapped a season-worst eight-game losing streak, beating the Texas Rangers.

The White Sox scored more than two runs for the first time in seven games. Adam Eaton had two singles and scored a run. Rodon (3-1) gave up two runs



AP  
Washington Nationals starting pitcher Max Scherzer throws during the first inning of a baseball game against the Pittsburgh Pirates, Saturday, June 20, 2015, in Washington.

and four hits, striking out five and walking three. Chicago avoided losing nine consecutive games for the first time since 2013.

David Robertson pitched the ninth for his 14th save in 18 chances. On Friday night, he allowed two runs in the ninth of a 2-1 loss to the Rangers.

## Cubs 4, Twins 1, 10 innings

In Minneapolis, Starlin Castro atoned for a costly error the previous night with a two-run single in the 10th inning, helping the Chicago Cubs to a victory over the Minnesota Twins.

Castro's error at shortstop in the first inning Friday night got the Twins rolling to a 7-2 victory. But he ripped a one-out pitch from Blaine Boyer (2-3) into center field to break a 1-1 tie and help the Cubs improve to 7-3 in extra-inning games this season.

## Athletics 4, Angels 1

In Oakland, Jesse Hahn pitched into the eighth inning for his third consecutive win, Josh Reddick hit a tiebreaking dou-

ble in the sixth and the Oakland Athletics beat the Los Angeles Angels despite committing their majors-leading 70th error.

One day after blowing a five-run lead with ace Sonny Gray on the mound in a 12-7 loss, the A's pounded out five doubles -- three in the three-run sixth.

Hahn (5-5) allowed one run and four hits in 7 2/3 innings. Rookie Billy Burns had two infield hits to raise his AL-leading mark to 21 for Oakland.

## Rockies 5, Brewers 1

In Denver, Charlie Blackmon homered and drove in three runs, Chad Bettis pitched effectively into the seventh inning and the Colorado Rockies snapped a five-game losing streak.

Adam Lind homered for the Milwaukee Brewers' only run.

Colorado had lost nine of its last 10 before getting a strong outing from Bettis (3-2), who got his first win since carrying a no-hitter into the eighth inning at Philadelphia on May 29. He allowed one run and five hits, walked two and struck out five

in 6 1/3 innings.

## Cardinals 10, Phillies 1

In Philadelphia, Randal Grichuk hit two home runs, doubled and drove in four runs, and John Lackey pitched seven strong innings to lead the St. Louis Cardinals over the Philadelphia Phillies.

Lackey (6-4) allowed one run on five hits to earn his first victory on the road this season away from Busch Stadium. Jason Heyward had three hits with a double and two RBI, Jhonny Peralta had three singles with an RBI, and Yadier Molina singled, doubled and drove in a run for the Cardinals, who won their seventh in nine games while beating Philadelphia for the fifth straight time.

## Marlins 5, Reds 0

In Cincinnati, left-hander Justin Nicolino pitched seven innings to win his major league debut and Derek Dietrich hit two home runs as the Miami Marlins snapped a three-game losing streak.

The efficient Nicolino al-

lowed four hits with two walks and two strikeouts while outpitching Anthony DeSclafani (5-5), his former roommate in the Toronto and Miami organizations. Nicolino was recalled from Triple-A New Orleans to start in place of right-hander Tom Koehler.

## Braves 6, Mets 4

In Atlanta, Andrelton Simmons got four hits for the Atlanta Braves in a win over the New York Mets, who lost their fourth in a row and catcher Travis d'Arnaud to an elbow injury.

A.J. Pierzynski tripled, doubled and singled. He scored standing up on Pedro Ciriaco's tiebreaking sacrifice fly in the sixth inning, and his left leg appeared to hit d'Arnaud's left arm.

The Mets said d'Arnaud is day to day with a hyperextended left elbow.

## Royals 7, Red Sox 4

In Kansas City, Kendrys Morales homered on his 32nd birthday and the Kansas City Royals rallied to beat the Boston Red Sox.

Morales hit a two-run, tie-breaking shot in a five-run fifth off Rick Porcello (4-8). It was his third career homer on his birthday.

The Red Sox lost third baseman Pablo Sandoval (sprained left ankle) and catcher Blake Swihart (sprained left foot) to injuries, and designated hitter David Ortiz was ejected in the seventh inning by home plate umpire Bruce Dreckman.

## Rays 4, Indians 1

In Cleveland, Evan Longoria hit a three-run homer in the first inning and the Tampa Bay Rays handed reigning Cy Young winner Corey Kluber his fourth straight loss.

Longoria, who has been playing with a sore left wrist, hit his first home run since June 10. The Rays have won four straight and eight of nine to climb to a season-high 10 games over .500 (40-30).

## Giants 6, Dodgers 2

In Los Angeles, Justin Maxwell and Brandon Belt hit two-run homers and the San Francisco Giants trimmed the Dodgers' NL West lead to a half-game with a win over Los Angeles.

Tim Hudson (5-6) pitched six-hit ball into the seventh inning and got a key single for the Giants, who have won five straight over their archrivals and nine of 11 this season. Los Angeles (38-31) has been alone in first place since May 30, but San Francisco (38-32) could reclaim the top spot with a series sweep Sunday.

## Mariners 6, Astros 3

In Seattle, Taijuan Walker struck out a career-high 11 while pitching into the seventh inning to lead the Seattle Mariners past the Houston Astros.

Nelson Cruz, Seth Smith and Mark Trumbo homered for the Mariners, who have won two in a row and scored at least five runs in back-to-back games for the first time since April 19-20.

Walker (5-6) allowed three runs and five hits, and walked none in 6 1/3 innings.

## Padres 8, Diamondbacks 1

In Phoenix, Tyson Ross threw a four-hitter in his third career complete game and the San Diego Padres beat the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Clint Barmes went 3-for-4 with two doubles, driving in two runs and scoring twice.

Derek Norris and Melvin Upton Jr. homered for the Padres. Upton's was his first of the season, a two-run shot off Addison Reed in the Padres' four-run ninth inning.

## SIDEBAR

**NEW YORK (AP)**—The fan at Yankee Stadium who wound up with the ball that Alex Rodriguez launched for his 3,000th hit is holding on to the prized souvenir.

For now, anyway.

"At first, I was 100 percent adamant about not giving the ball back," Zack Hample told The Associated Press by telephone late Friday night. "Now, I'm thinking about it."

"I'm not making any definite decisions tonight and probably not tomorrow, either," he said an hour after New York beat

## Fan with A-Rod's 3,000th ball holding onto it, for now

Detroit 7-2. "I want to enjoy the moment."

The 37-year-old Hample has some experience in this area. He describes himself as a pro at catching home run balls, has written books about the art and has snagged - get this - a whopping 8,161 baseballs at stadiums around the country.

"Got 12 tonight. Got 11 in batting practice and one during the game by some guy," he said, laughing.

Hample is a New Yorker and a Yankees season-ticket holder. He was in his favorite spot -

section 103, row 12, seat 24 - in right field when Rodriguez connected for a solo shot in the first inning.

Hample raised his Rawlings glove, but the crowd surge pushed him forward. Good fortune was on his side, however.

"I looked down and the ball was at my feet. It ricocheted, and it was almost touching my shoe," he said.

Hample snapped up the ball and posted a picture of it on Twitter. Quickly, the Yankees visited him and tried to see what it would take to make a deal.

Not an easy negotiation, either.

A day earlier, Hample tweeted about Rodriguez: "That man deserves favors from no one, least of all a fan."

After talking to the Yankees, Hample posted that he "told the Yankees I'm keeping it."

Rodriguez, meanwhile, later mentioned the fan who snared Derek Jeter's home run ball for his 3,000th hit in 2011. That man was all too eager to return it to the former Yankees star.

"Where's Jeet's guy? That's the guy I needed," Rodriguez said. "I wasn't so lucky."



# Germany, China reach World Cup quarters

**Ottawa**—Germany and China booked the first two spots in the quarterfinals of the Women's World Cup as they brushed aside rivals Sweden and Cameroon.

Germany, champions in 2003 and 2007, demolished Sweden 4-1 in Ottawa on Saturday, while China won 1-0 in Edmonton to send the last African challenger Cameroon home.

Forwards Celia Sasic and Anja Mittag both scored their fifth goals of the tournament, with Sasic netting a double, as the top-ranked Germans closed down their fifth-ranked European rivals in scorching conditions at Lansdowne Stadium.

Germany coach Silvia Neid described the victory as "a very important game, maybe a key match" in the tournament.

"We haven't had games of this quality in the World Cup apart from Norway," said Neid, whose group had included minnows Ivory Coast and Thailand.

"Today all the players were wonderful, they put on a spectacular performance, demonstrating amazing resilience and bravery," said assistant coach Chang Wei-Wei.

"They fought like warriors for over 90 minutes. I want to thank them for their hard work."

The defense of the 16th-ranked Chinese was rock solid allowing few chances for 53rd-ranked Cameroon's energetic forwards.

Once 25-year-old Wang scored her second goal of the tournament it was impossible for Cameroon to get through.

"The Chinese deserved their victory we can just say bravo. Their team is very complete," said Cameroon coach Enow Ngachou, whose side were just the second from Africa to reach the knockout rounds after Nigeria in 1999.

"They don't score many goals but they defend very well. We knew that if we conceded a goal it would be very difficult for us."

Germany, who were shocked in the quarterfinals of the 2011 World Cup at home, next play either France or South Korea for a place in the semi-finals.

While Germany and Sweden battled in temperatures reaching 38 degrees Celsius (100 Fahrenheit), it was raining in Edmonton, where Wang Shanshan's first half goal was enough for China to set up a meeting with either the United States or Colombia.

China coach Hao Wei had a touchline ban and was forced to watch the game from the stands in Edmonton's Commonwealth Stadium.

But his side closed down the game early when Wang Shanshan got the opener after 12 minutes when she picked up pass from Li Dongna who did well to control a Wang Lisi corner.



## Kyodai, Latte Sparts top Bud Light Cup divisions

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The Jokers Latte Sparts and the Jonny's Kyodai added the Bud Light Cup crowns to their regular season titles in the Saipan Electronics Darts Association League after beating their respective opponents in last week's finals held in separate venues.

The Latte Sparts completed a one-sided 8-1 win over the Sand Juvy Sunrisers to rule the Thursday Fanihi B division, while the Jonny's Kyodai duplicated the feat in the Thursday Flame Tree B, following an 8-4 crushing of the Abyss Serial Killaz.

The Latte Sparts never gave the Sunrisers any fighting chance and immediately imposed their will as they quickly zoomed to a 5-1 advantage before

winning the next three events to close out their matchup in the race-to-eight contest. The Latte Sparts also defeated the Sands Alamo Car Rental and the Route 33 Mixblood on their way to the title.

The Kyodai, also the Bud Light-Saipan Electronic Darts Association Winter/Spring 2015 regular season champion, beat the Killaz to clinch the Flame Tree B crown in their own race-to-eight face-off.

Meanwhile, a number of finals matches will be played this week with the Sand Juvy Vicious Darters taking on the Try Luck for the Ladies tiara tonight, the Atarashi Boyz battling the Sand Juvy Try Luck for the Tuesday B crown tomorrow, and the Jokers Pythons

facing the Sand Juvy Pythons with the Masters title on the line in their Wednesday duel.

In other finals pairings, the Jokers Darryl Flight collides with the Smoke Pub Bull It for the Tuesday B Chichirika division title, while the Jokers Spartans clash with the Smoke Pub High Flyers in the Kingfisher finals. Both matches will be played on Wednesday, June 24, in separate venues.

Results of last week's games were as follows:

### A Division

- Sakude 13, No Fear 4
- Ridin' Darryl 11, Huntlaw 6
- Proofers 10, Mafia 7
- Snipers 9, Predators 8

■ Voyagers 9, Warriors 8

### Masters

- Destroyers 9, Shoot Balut 6
- Pythons 9, Scratch 'N' Sniff 4

### Ladies

- Try Luck 8, Kitty kats 5
- Vicious Darters 8, Pasawayz 5

### Flame Tree B

- Atarashi 8, Like It Or Not 1
- Dartaholics 8, Dabarkads 5

### Kingfisher B

- High Flyers 8, Chagi Fan 4
- Spartans 8, Hafa Mas 4

### Chichirika

- Bull It 8, Blue Koi 4
- Darryl Flights 8, Jump It 4



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The Jokers Latte Sparts players celebrate their win in the Thursday Fanihi B division after beating the Sand Juvy Sunrisers in the Bud Light Cup finals of the SEDA league last week.



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The Jonny's Kyodai players pose for a photo after ruling the Thursday Flame Tree B Bud Light division of the SEDA league.

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duel against Tan.

In the girls U16, the finals was a showdown between the Top 2 seeds, too with the No. 1-picked Isabel Heras outclassing the second-seeded Ami Tsukagoshi, 6-2, 6-1, to clinch the division championship. Heras made it to the finals after eliminating Guam's Tara Usita-Lee in the semis, 6-3, 6-2. Tsukagoshi, on the other hand, knocked out the Federated States of Micronesia's Sun-

shein Palik, 6-4, 6-2, to arrange an all-CNMI finale. Palik went on to round out the Top 3 after edging Usita-Lee in the consolation match, 6-3, 7-5.

In the girls U12 singles, the finals was a family affair with Conatsu beating her younger sister Coume, 6-1, 6-2. The Kagas marched into the title match after Conatsu booted out FSM's Anne Skilling, 6-2, 6-2, and Coume prevailed against fellow CNMI player Ericka Tuttle, 6-0, 6-3. Skilling denied the Commonwealth a 1-2-3 finish after slipping Tuttle in the battle for

third place, 7-5, 6-3.

Meanwhile, the fourth all-CNMI finale had Schorr surviving Song in the super tiebreak, 4-6, 6-1, 10-6. Schorr barged into the finals after easing past FSM's Joab William, 6-2, 6-1, in the upper bracket semis. In the lower bracket, Song downed fellow CNMI player Vincent Tudela, 7-5, 6-3, in one of the best matches in the tournament, according to coach Jeff Race.

"It seemed like a men's open singles match. To quote Morris Villanueva, one of our ju-

nior players who stopped by in Guam to watch the games, he said he could not take his eye out of the match. That's how great it was," Race said.

"Our players had a lot of great matches. It was hot and they were very tired of playing for consecutive days, but they stayed motivated and focus every time they went to the court. They rose up to the level (of play) that a few years ago they think they would not reach. It's been a great week and we're very proud of our players," the CNMI coach added.

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linan, Sean Rabauliman, Joven Reyes, and Zakariah Reyes. Head coach Tomas A. Camacho and assistant Michael A. Cruz helped Flores in preparing the pitcher-heavy team for the district meet.

The Saipan All-Stars delegation, along with the parents, and CNMI district administrator Michael Borja thanked the Rota Little League for hosting

and showing its preparedness despite being hit by Typhoon Dolphin in May. The district tournament pushed through with the combined efforts of the Rota Little League, Rota Mayor's Office led by Rota Mayor Efraim Atalig, and Rota Municipal Council chair George Hocog. The tournament became a best-of-five series between Saipan and Rota after Tinian failed to come up with a team.

Saipan represented the CNMI in last year's regionals held in

July at the Clark Freeport Zone in Pampanga. The CNMI Little League All-Stars finished the elimination with a 3-2 card and missed the semis after losing in the tiebreak to Chinese-Taipei. They placed fifth overall following a win over New Zealand in the consolation match. The Commonwealth players recorded their three victories in pool play against Vietnam, 17-2; Hong Kong, 6-3; and Chinese-Taipei, 3-2, while the losses were versus Saudi Arabia, 4-9; and Dubai, 0-7.

## PARK

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the front.

A double-bogey at the par-3 No. 3 almost put Park's title bid in jeopardy, but an eagle at the 404-yard par-4 No. 6 highlighted his back-nine campaign where he closed out with three straight pars for that 35 and the winning score of 74.

Jin and Joe "Kamikaze" Camacho, who will be representing the CNMI in next

month's XV Pacific Games in Papua New Guinea, fired similar 75s, but the former clinched runner-up honors after the scorecard tiebreak.

Veteran Jeff Taylor, who has also suited up for the CNMI in several Pacific Games, came in at fourth with a 76, while Kim Jeon Seok tallied 77.

Meanwhile, Manuel Alvarez won two nearest to the pin side events at the par-4 Nos. 4 and 11, while Park Soon Nam and Koribayashi Tsukuna dupli-

cated the feat at Nos. 6 and 15. Ben Jones (No. 14), Jayson Sablan (No. 12), and Yeong Sook Kim (No. 16) were the accuracy drive winners.

HANMI, which is celebrating its 30th year anniversary, also gave a special award to the golfer who finished 30th place—Alex Tudela. Tudela received a certificate for one night stay at Hyatt Regency-Saipan's suite, a brunch at Aqua Resort Club, and a bottle of 2-year-old Chivas Regal.

## JP World caging draws 10 teams



The 2nd JP World Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball

League will open shop on July 11 at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium with 10 teams vying for this season's championship.

Last year's finalist Micronesian Brokers, Inc. will be back for next month's opening and will be joined by fellow returnees Commonwealth Utilities Corp., Top Development, Inc., Joeten, Docomo Pacific, Saipan Ice, and McDonald's. Completing the field are newcomers Tan Holdings, Mariana Resort, and Cape Air/United Airlines. Shirley's Coffee Shop, which defeated MBI in the finals during the league's inaugural season last year, 91-83, will be missing the second edition of the tournament, but some of its players are expected to team up with Tan Holdings members.

Participating teams are requested to send a representative to the July 5 technical meeting. Ground rules and schedule of matches will be

discussed at the meeting. Competing squads are also asked to turn in their final rosters during the meeting.

Each squad is allowed to have a maximum of 12 players on its lineup. Players should be employees of the company they are representing and must get employment certification from their human resource department. The league sponsor will provide free uniforms to the 12 members of each squad. Meanwhile, opening games on July 11 will be determined via raffle drawing. The first match will be played after the 4pm opening ceremony. The second game is expected to start at 8pm. Regular matches are scheduled every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday with the first game set at 6:30pm and the second one at 8pm.

JP World is hosting another league this year to show appreciation to its Mobil fleet card and wholesale customers.

For more information, contact league commissioner Marlon Sison at 288-4940 or send email to marlon.jp-world@gmail.com. **(Roselyn B. Monroyo)**



# SSC Swimmers at Palau Invitational

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Saipan Swim Club's Taiyo Akimaru, left, and Jinnosuke Suzuki wait for the start of the 200m individual medley during the Palau Invitational held early this month at the Meyuns National Swimming Pool.



Saipan Swim Club head coach Jacoby Winkfield huddles with his swimmers before the start of the competition.



R.J. Pierce, right, gets ready at the starting block for the 100m freestyle event.



Saipan Swim Club swimmers pose with Aulea Swim Club and Palau representatives.



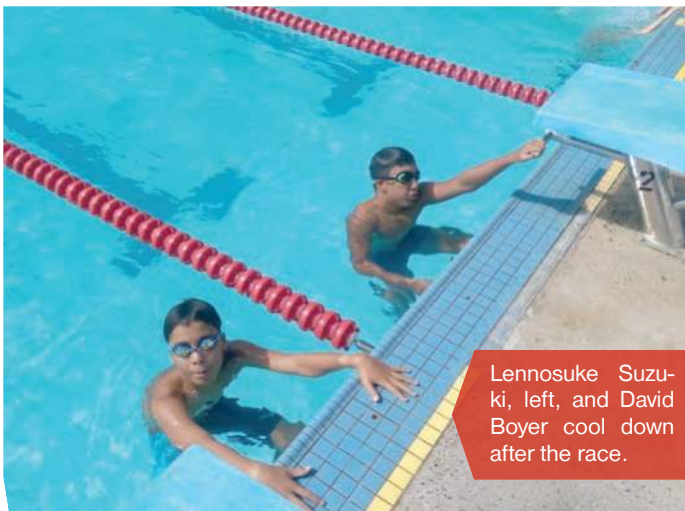
Taiyo Akimaru, front, and a swimmer from Palau wait for the start of the 50m backstroke race.



A Saipan Swim Club swimmer is slightly ahead of an Aulea Swim Club swimmer during the 100m freestyle race.



A Saipan Swim Club swimmer nearing completion of the 200m freestyle event.



Lennosuke Suzuki, left, and David Boyer cool down after the race.



Saipan Swim Club's Victoria Chentsova touches the wall first during the 100m backstroke event.



Jinnosuke Suzuki checks in with the volunteer, while R.J. Pierce, second right, waits for his turn.





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# CNMI bags 4 singles titles

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The CNMI's junior tennis players returned to Saipan yesterday, bringing home with them four singles championships from the ITF North Pacific Regional Championships 2015.

Tania Tan delivered one of the four singles crown after she ruled the girls U14 division. Isabel Heras, Conatsu Kaga, and Robbie Schorr gave the powerhouse CNMI Junior Tennis Team the three other divisions titles after topping the girls U16, girls U12, and boys U14 singles contests, respectively.

The No. 1-ranked Tan lorded in over in the all-CNMI playoff round, beating Mimi Sakano first in the semifinals last Friday at the Rick Ninete Tennis Center in Hagatna, Guam, 6-2, 6-0, before



sweeping the second-seeded Malika Miyawaki in the finals, 6-1, 6-2, to complete her perfect run in the girls U14 singles. Tan was unbeaten in three games in the pool play.

Joining Tan and Miyawaki in the Top 3 was Sakano, who downed fellow CNMI bet Asia Raulerson in the consolation game, 6-1, 6-2. Miyawaki also prevailed against Raulerson, 6-0, 6-0, in the other semis pairing to set a finals

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## Park rules 14th HANMI Golf Classic



JON PEREZ

Jun Park, center, receives the trophy and cash prize from Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands chair Gloria Cavanagh, right, and tournament director Das Krishnan during the awards banquet of the 14th HANMI Golf Classic last Saturday at the Saipan World Resort.

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Jun Park took advantage of his familiarity with the LaoLao Bay Golf and Resort to rule the 14th Annual Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands Charity Golf Classic held last Saturday on the east course of the Kagman facility.

Park, the Club Lao president and golf instructor, fired a tournament best 74 to beat 140 others in the one-day Blackjack double peoria event.

"I haven't had the chance to practice for a long time since I'm also busy being a golf instructor," said Park, whose students include HANMI Classic runner-up Jin Feng Chun

and 11-year-old promising golfer Dong Young Lee.

"Course familiarity is also a slight advantage on my part since I always play and hold my classes here. But you also have to consider the wind direction in every course layout, which could affect your game," added Park.

Park, who teed off at the back nine, had a roller coaster opening, starting the round with a bogey, birdie, and par. He double bogeyed the par-3 No. 13 and bogeyed the par-4 No. 14 before making back-to-back birdies. He closed out with a double-bogey and par at the No. 17 and 18, giving him a 39 heading to

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## Saipan sweeps Rota in district meet

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The Saipan Majors All-Stars completed a three-game sweep of Rota in the 19th CNMI Little League District Tournament held over the weekend on Rota.

With its domination, Saipan earned the right of representing the CNMI to the Asia-Pacific-Middle East Little League Regional Tournament set from July 13 to 21 in the City of Guilin in China.

The Joe Flores-managed Saipan squad, who took the trip to Rota on Thursday, opened up Friday's double-header with a slim 5-4 win.

The Saipan Majors All-Stars settled in after that and cruised to a 7-0 decision in the next game before closing out the virtual race-to-three series with a 19-8 pummeling of their southern opponents. Game 3 was highlighted by an inside-the-park grand slam from Aven Evangelista, who was the Saipan Little League's runs champion with 33. Other details of the series were unavailable at press time, as *Saipan Tribune* has yet to

receive copies of the scoresheets from Rota organizers.

Aside from Evangelista, other members of the team are lone female player Kiana Aldan, Jordan Babauta, Saipan Little League regular season most valuable



player Vicente A. Camacho II, finals MVP Zachary Camacho, Justin Celis, Orren Cruz, Donaven Deleon Guerrero, Kyle Kapileo, Antonio Deleon Guerrero, Norita, Devon B. Pange-

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The Saipan Majors All-Star players and officials, seen here posing for a photo after the tournament on Rota over the weekend, will represent the CNMI in next month's Asia-Pacific-Middle East Little League Regional Tournament in Guilin, China.